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**FLETCHER, N.C. (AP)** — Rolling through small Southern towns in a campaign-style bus, President Barack Obama on Monday pressed lawmakers back in Washington to start taking up pieces of his rejected jobs bill and mocked the Republicans who had shot it down in total. The Senate moved to vote soon on one part, a plan to help states hire teachers, but the proposal seemed doomed. Deep in the mountains of politically important North Carolina, Obama soaked up the region's autumn beauty at the same time he assailed foes of his jobs



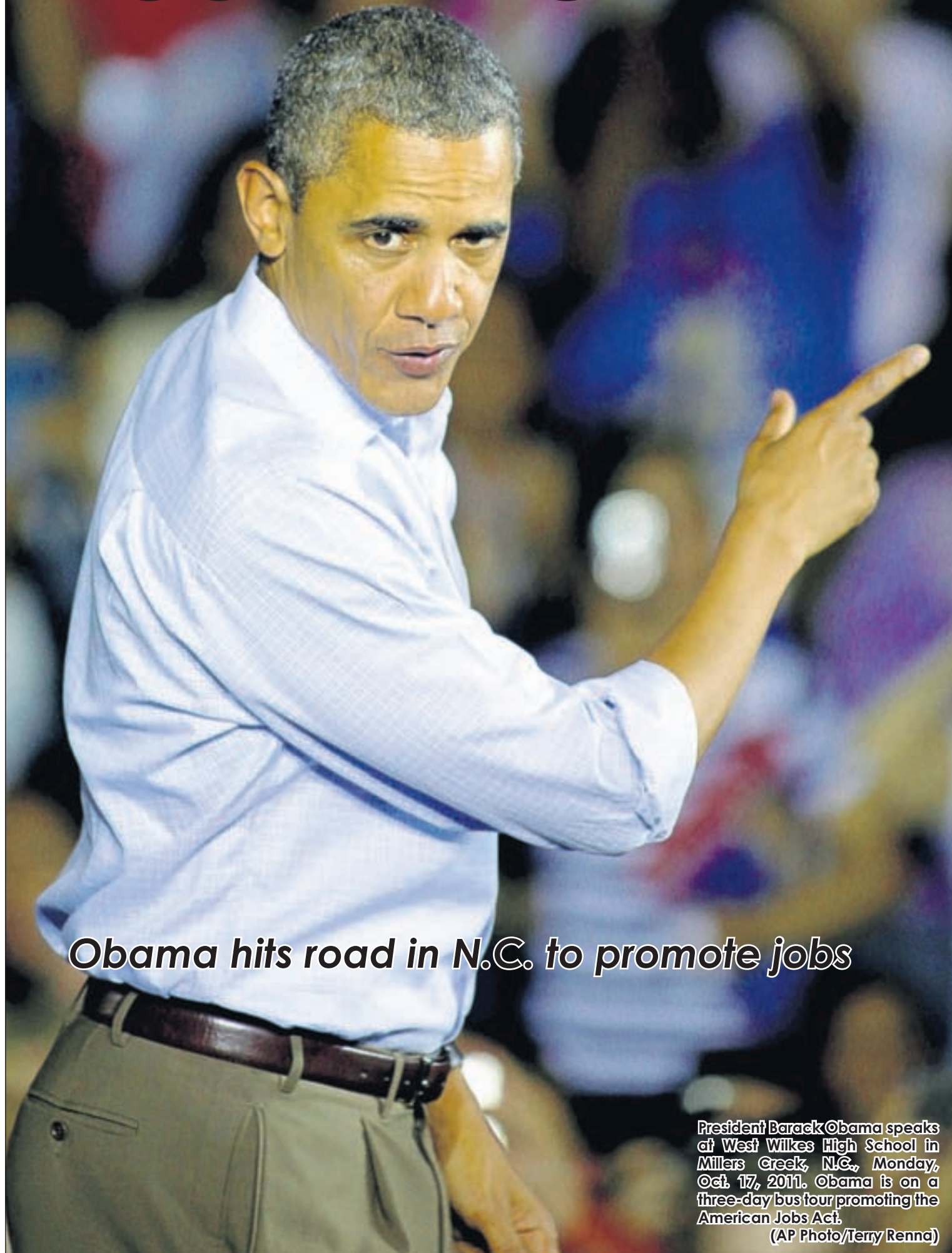
Student listen as President Barack Obama speaks at West Wilkes High School in Millers Creek, N.C., Monday, Oct. 17, 2011. Obama is on a three-day bus tour promoting the American Jobs Act.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

legislation, accusing them of failing to listen to the public. Back at the Capitol, Senate Democrats announced they would act first on a single part of Obama's plan, a long-shot bid to help states hire teachers and police. A Senate vote could come as soon as the end of the week. If not, it would probably fall into November because the Senate plans to take a break next week, even as Obama urges quick action. In North Carolina, the president directed his most pointed remarks at Senate Republicans, who last week blocked action on his full \$447 billion proposal.

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# COMEBACK KID



*Obama hits road in N.C. to promote jobs*

President Barack Obama speaks at West Wilkes High School in Millers Creek, N.C., Monday, Oct. 17, 2011. Obama is on a three-day bus tour promoting the American Jobs Act.

(AP Photo/Terry Renna)



## Navajo calls out Urban Outfitters for its products

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FLAGSTAFF, Arizona (AP)

— Urban Outfitters' line of Navajo-branded clothing and accessories has set off a firestorm online and within the Navajo Nation government, with allegations of trademark violations and criticism of the products — particularly underwear and a liquor flask — that many tribal members consider disrespectful.

Native American-inspired prints have shown up on runways for years, and it's common for designers to borrow from other cultures. But the Navajo government's issue with Urban Outfitters is the clothing chain's use of the name "Navajo" on its products and in marketing. The tribe holds at least 10 trademarks on the name that cover clothing, footwear, online retail sales, household products and textiles. □



Purchased items from Urban Outfitters' Navajo line are shown Friday, Oct. 14, 2011 in Tempe, Ariz. Urban Outfitters' line of Navajo-branded clothing and accessories has set off a firestorm online and within the Navajo Nation government, with allegations of trademark violations and criticism of the products — particularly underwear and a flask — that some tribal members see as tasteless and disrespectful.

(AP Photo/Matt York)

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"Essentially they said no to you," Obama told a supportive crowd outside Asheville. Noting that Republicans will now get a chance to vote on elements of his jobs agenda one by one, he said: "Maybe they just couldn't understand the whole thing all at once. So we're going to break it up into bite-size pieces."

Republicans denounced the bus trip as nothing more than a taxpayer-funded campaign trip through two must-win states to try to bolster Obama's standing for the 2012 election.

As he traveled along on his imposing black bus, there was little denying the presidential politics at play at each stop. Over three days, Obama is covering the countryside of both

North Carolina and Virginia, two traditionally GOP-leaning states that he won in 2008 on his campaign's ability to boost turnout among young people and black voters.

Senate Democrats unveiled the first individual bill, which would spend \$30 billion to create or save education jobs and \$5 billion to do the same for police and firefighters.

The money would come from a new half-percent tax on income over \$1 million, a proposal vigorously opposed by GOP lawmakers.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid promised a vote "as soon as possible."

The outcome seemed clear: The plan is unlikely to gain the 60 votes it would need to proceed in the Senate. And it's a non-starter in the Republican House. □

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## Pentagon to resume North Korea talks on war remains

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**Associated Press**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — After a six-year hiatus, the Pentagon has agreed to negotiate with North Korea on resuming an effort to recover remains of an estimated 5,500 U.S. service

members unaccounted for from the 1950-53 Korean War.

In a brief announcement Monday, the Pentagon said the negotiations would begin Tuesday in Bangkok. It offered no explanation for seeking to resume a

recovery operation that Washington suspended in May 2005.

The Pentagon statement said the talks will address a "stand-alone humanitarian matter" and are not linked to other issues, which include most prominently the North Korean nuclear program and U.S.-supported international sanctions aimed at stopping North Korean weapon proliferation.

The U.S. and North Korea have no formal diplomatic ties, and relations have been especially rocky in recent years. During a state visit to Washington last week by South Korean President Lee Myung-bak, President Barack Obama had strong words for communist-governed North Korea, saying that "if Pyongyang continues to ignore its international obligations it will invite even more pressure and isolation."

Leading the U.S. delegation to Bangkok will be Robert J. Newberry, the deputy assistant secretary of defense for POW/MIA affairs.

When the administration of President George W. Bush suspended recovery operations in 2005 amid rising tensions with North Korea, it said it was concerned about the safety of U.S. recovery teams in North Korea.□

## Arrest marks growing pain for super heroes

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**Associated Press**

**SEATTLE (AP)** — Fabio Heuring was standing outside a Seattle nightclub on a Saturday night and smoking cigarettes with a friend when a man bolting from a bouncer ran into them. The enraged man ripped off his shirt in the middle of the street and prepared to give Heuring's buddy a beating. Just then, in swooped a bizarre sight: a self-proclaimed superhero in a black mask and matching muscle-suit. He doused the aggressor with pepper spray, much to Heuring's shocked relief.

A couple hours later, though, the superhero ended up in jail for investigation of assault after using those tactics on another group of clubgoers, sending pangs of anxiety through the small, eccentric and mostly anonymous community of masked crime-fighters across the U.S. The comic book-inspired patrolling of city streets by "real life super-heroes" has been getting more popular in recent years, thanks largely to mainstream attention in movies like last year's "Kick-Ass" and the recent HBO documentary "Superheroes." And as the ranks of the masked, caped and sometimes bullet-proof-vested avengers swell, many fret that even well-intentioned vigilantes



**Super Hero Wanna Be? Fabio Heuring arrested**

risk hurting themselves, the public and the movement if they're as aggressive as the crime-fighter in Seattle. Some have gone so far as to propose a sanctioning body to ensure that high super-hero standards are maintained. "The movement has grown majorly," said Edward Stinson, a writer from Boca Raton, Florida, who advises real-life superheroes on a website devoted to the cause. "What I tell these guys is, 'You're no longer in the shadows. You're in a new era. ... Build trust. Set standards. Make the real-life superheroes work to earn that title and take some kind of oath.'"

It's not clear how many costumed vigilantes there are in the U.S. The website [www.reallifesuperheroes.org](http://www.reallifesuperheroes.org) lists 660 members around the world. They range from members of the New York Initiative in New York City and the Shadow Corp in Saginaw, Michigan, to a character named Nightbow who says he has patrolled the streets of Carlisle, England, for three years.□

## Michael Jackson doctor's trial to resume Wednesday



**Deputy district attorney David Walgren gestures while speaking during Dr. Conrad Murray's involuntary manslaughter trial, in downtown Los Angeles. Murray has pleaded not guilty and faces four years in prison and the loss of his medical license if convicted of involuntary manslaughter in Michael Jackson's death.**

(AP Photo/Robyn Beck, Pool)

**ANTHONY McCARTNEY**  
**AP Entertainment Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The judge overseeing the trial of Michael Jackson's doctor says testimony in the

case will resume Wednesday.

Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor ordered the delay so that defense attorneys can get more details on test results that the coroner's office recently conducted. The tests dealt with the levels of the sedative lorazepam that were found in Jackson's body.

Attorneys for Dr. Conrad Murray have raised the issue of lorazepam levels and told jurors that the amounts were so high they could have put several people to sleep.

Deputy District Attorney David Walgren told Pastor that he asked for the coroner's office to re-test for lorazepam levels and found that they were lower than the defense analysis suggested.

Murray has pleaded not guilty to involuntary manslaughter.□



# Romney runs in front, but the race is long

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**LAS VEGAS** — He has consistently outperformed the rest of the Republican presidential field in debates. He has built a powerful fundraising machine. He has rolled out one big-name endorsement after another. He has avoided being drawn into distracting side-shows or becoming rattled by his opponents.

But a word of caution about calling Mitt Romney the inevitable nominee. He is now going to be tested in a more serious way.

With the start of the primary season a little more than two months away, Romney's Republican rivals are planning more aggressive tactics, including waves of attack ads, in an effort to define him and determine just how strong — or brittle — his support is.

As Republican candidates gather here Tuesday night for the eighth debate of the campaign, a CNN poll has found that two-thirds of Republican voters say that their minds are not made up about whom the party should nominate to challenge President Barack Obama, a sign the race could still have another unpredictable turn.

While he is viewed by all of his rivals as the candidate to beat, Romney rarely garners more than 25 percent in national polls of likely Republican primary voters. And many conservative activists voice qualms about him, including those in Iowa and South Carolina, early voting states with substantial populations of evangelicals, who have been an especially tough audience for Romney.

Five debates over the past six weeks have played a central role in shaping the contours of the race and forming the perceptions of the candidates. The forums have elevated the standing of Romney, given Herman Cain his shot at becoming a serious alternative and raised doubts about Gov. Rick Perry of Texas. But early front-runners have found their perceived leads to

be ephemeral — just ask Hillary Rodham Clinton or Rudolph W. Giuliani, who seemed to be in commanding positions at times during the 2008 presidential campaign — and Republican voters seem to be in no rush to commit.

"The Republican base is in a very antiestablishment mood, so the last place you want to be is the undisputed front-runner with months to go before voting starts," said Todd Harris, a Republican strategist who advised the candidacy of Fred Thompson four years ago. "Romney has avoided the front-runner backlash because candidates keep popping up to challenge him, but he stays on top because they all seem to flame out just as fast as they emerge."

Indeed, Romney has competed for the role of front-runner since the campaign came alive this summer. Going by the fickle measure of national polls, he at one point ceded the position to Perry and now shares it with Cain.

Yet to hear the talk among



**Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, a Republican presidential candidate, delivers a foreign policy speech at the Citadel in Charleston, S.C. With the start of the primary season a little more than two months away, Romney's Republican rivals are planning more aggressive tactics to unbalance the current front runner.**

(Stephen Morton/The New York Times)

many strategists and pundits for the last week, Romney has the contest all but wrapped up.

Lanny Wiles, who advised former Gov. Jon M. Huntsman Jr. of Utah, told USA Today, "Romney's is not a temporary momentum."

Ed Rollins, a former campaign manager to Rep. Michele Bachmann of Minnesota, told The Washington Post, "He's viewed as an almost inevitable candidate."

At the Romney headquar-

ters in Boston, his team is engaged in a tricky two-step: reject the rush of inevitability but make clear to donors, activists and elected officials that they should hustle to join his campaign if they do not want to be the last in the door.

But former Gov. Tim Pawlenty of Minnesota, who was among the campaign's first big endorsements, introduced Romney on Monday at his Nevada campaign office as "the most knowledgeable, most capable,

most electable candidate in this field." Obama's team has made Romney its primary Republican target for now, either softening him up for a general election matchup or trying to weaken him in the hopes of tilting the Republican nomination to a more ideological rival — or both. Being in the crosshairs of the White House is a sign of his strength, but also of his status as a very big target, both from the left and from activists on the right who are criticizing him for what they see as his shape-shifting on a variety of core conservative principles.

There are few signs that rank-and-file conservatives — for now, at least — intend to quickly fall in line. His campaign has used endorsements to try to show momentum for his candidacy, with barely a day passing by last week when he did not trumpet the support of a party leader, from Gov. Chris Christie of New Jersey to former Speaker J. Dennis Hastert of Illinois to Sheriff Paul Babeu of Pinal County, Ariz. □

## Cain shows off his musical talents

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Herman Cain once sang an ode to pizza, parodying John Lennon's "Imagine." The economy might be in bad shape, but at least it's not as bleak as the world Cain envisioned in 1991:

"Imagine there's no pizza," he sang to the tune of "Imagine" at a show for the Omaha Press Club. "I couldn't if I tried/Eating only tacos, or Kentucky fried." Cain, former chief executive of Godfather's Pizza, was dressed in a preacher's robe and flanked by a gospel-style chorus.

While the video provides yet another example of that "sense of humor" that Cain says Americans need to get, he does actually take music seriously: He put out a gospel album 15 years ago.

And an article Monday in The New York Times noted another song the candi-



**Herman Cain, a Republican presidential candidate, prepares for a TV interview before a Roane County Tea Party rally at Roane State Community College in Harriman, Tenn., on Oct. 15, 2011. Cain once sang an ode to pizza, parodying John Lennon's "Imagine."**

(Josh Anderson/The New York Times)

date takes seriously, his campaign anthem, "I Am America."

The pizza video was origi-

nally posted by The Omaha World-Herald last week. However, a cut-out that went viral Monday has

prompted its own bit of political humor, (POUND) HermanCainPizzaJams on Twitter. □



## US man had daughter, 9, drive to the store

**BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP, Michigan (AP)** — A Detroit-area man had his 9-year-old daughter drive him to the store because he had apparently been drinking, police said Monday, and surveillance video from a gas station shows him telling a clerk that his daughter was his "designated driver."

Brownstown Township Detective Lt. Robert Grant said the girl was sitting behind the wheel in a child's booster seat before 3 a.m. on Oct. 8, when an officer opened the driver's side door of the full-sized panel van her father uses for work. He said she was surprised when police pulled her over.

She said to the officer, "What did you stop me for? I was driving good," Grant told the Detroit Free Press and The Detroit News. Someone called police after spotting the pair stopped at the gas station. The caller watched the girl get in the driver's seat and pull the vehicle onto the road. She drove a couple miles (kilometers) before police pulled her over. The videotape obtained by television stations WDIV, WXYZ and WJBK shows the van pulling up to the station and the man walking in with his daughter. He told an unseen clerk that she was driving him around because he had been drinking. "I got a designated driver," the man said. The Associated Press is not naming the father in order to protect the identity of his daughter.

The girl told police that her father had been drinking whiskey all night. She said he had allowed her to drive before.

The father, who told officers he was teaching his daughter to drive, was arrested and refused a breath-alcohol test, Grant said. He was charged with second- and fourth-degree child abuse during an Oct. 10 arraignment. He was ordered to have no contact with his daughter.

His preliminary examination is scheduled for Tuesday.

He also was charged with being a habitual offender and could be sentenced to up to 15 years in prison if convicted. The habitual offender charge stems from convictions on four previous felonies, including receiving and concealing stolen property and unarmed robbery, Grant said. He was convicted of driving while intoxicated in connection with an October 2007 crash and had his license restricted for a year, Michigan Secretary of State spokesman Fred Woodhams told the Free Press. □

## Sheriff: Solid leads in effort to ID Gacy victims

**DON BABWIN**  
**Associated Press**  
**CHICAGO (AP)** — A sheriff whose office exhumed the skeletal remains of eight of serial killer John Wayne Gacy's never-identified victims said Monday that dozens of families of men who disappeared during the 1970s have come forward for DNA testing. Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart said about 70 families contacted the department through its website or by calling detectives since last week's announcement that the remains had been exhumed. He said the descriptions of their loved ones — young white males

Buckets containing jaw bones and teeth of victims of serial killer John Wayne Gacy that were exhumed by authorities.

The Cook County Sheriff's Department last spring secretly exhumed the bones of the 8 victims who were never identified in the hopes that scientific tests that were not around between 1972 and 1978 when Gacy killed his 33 victims will make identification possible. (AP Photo/Cook County Sheriff's Department)



who lived or worked in the Chicago area — could have put them in the path of Gacy, who killed at least 33 young men between 1972 and his arrest in late 1978. Two Chicago-area families had by Monday afternoon provided DNA

samples to compare to the skeletal remains, and another family was set to be tested.

DNA swab kits also had been mailed to Minnesota and Iowa authorities to test a family in each of those states. □



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# Police: Disabled victimized by theft scheme in US

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 Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The landlord of the apartment

DALE building at first thought a circuit breaker had tripped when he went to the basement Saturday and found all the lights were out. Then he realized all six bulbs had been removed, and he heard dogs barking inside a boiler room, its door chained shut. He removed

the chain, stepped into the dank, foul-smelling room and lifted a pile of blankets. Several sets of human eyes stared back at him. Turgut Gozleveli had stumbled upon four mentally disabled adults, all weak and malnourished, and one chained to the boiler. He may have also stumbled upon a vast scheme — stretching from Philadelphia to Norfolk, Virginia; West Palm Beach, Florida, and Texas — to steal the monthly Social Security disability checks of defenseless and vulnerable people, authorities said. Philadelphia police on Saturday arrested three adults staying in an apartment upstairs, including the person accused of being the ringleader, Linda Ann Weston, who had been convicted of murder in a 1981 starvation death. Detectives also found dozens of identity cards, power-of-attorney forms and other documents in the apartment, suggesting the theft scheme involved more than just the four captives. "Without a doubt. This is just the beginning of this investigation," Lt. Ray Evers said Monday. "We think she's been doing this for quite some time." How long, how much money the scheme brought

in, how the disabled were deceived and how many people in all were victimized are still unclear, investigators said. The FBI has joined the investigation. Weston, 51, was charged with kidnapping, false imprisonment and other offenses, with bail set at \$2.5 million. Also arrested and jailed were the man she described as her boyfriend, 50-year-old Eddie "the Reverend Ed" Wright, and 47-year-old Gregory Thomas. "Talk about preying on the weak and weary," Evers said. "You can't get any lower than this person." As of Monday, the defendants did not appear to have lawyers. They couldn't be reached for contact in jail. The victims, a woman and three men, were found in a crawlspace that reeked of urine and was too shallow for an adult to stand up. There were mattresses and blankets, but the only food found was a container of orange juice. The adults shared their space with three dogs. Gozleveli called police, suspecting they were squatters, then watched as officers and ambulance workers helped them up the steps to the street in a working-class section of the city's Tacony neighborhood. □



The dank sub-basement room in Philadelphia where four weak and malnourished mentally disabled adults, one chained to the boiler, were found locked inside. Police arrested three adults staying in an apartment upstairs, including the person accused of being the ringleader, Linda Ann Weston, in what authorities say is a scheme to steal the Social Security disability checks of defenseless and vulnerable people. (AP Photo/Ron Cortes, Pool)

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# Tea Party panel supports health care law's repeal

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A Tea Party commission trying to "crowd-source" a plan to reduce the federal budget deficit says it found broad support for repealing the health care legislation passed last year and eliminating entire federal departments, but much less enthusiasm for changes to Medicare and Social Security.

Those programs are two of the biggest contributors to the nation's deficit. Still, the Tea Party Debt Commission says that its proposals, which will be released in preliminary form Tuesday, add up to \$6 trillion in savings over 10 years – more than the reductions proposed by President Barack Obama; or Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., who is the chairman of the House Budget Committee; or the report of a bipartisan commission last year. The Tea Party commission is hoping that with the help of conservative senators, it can influence the work of a bipartisan panel of 12 lawmakers that has been charged with finding at least \$1.2 trillion in cuts over the next decade.

A copy of the preliminary findings was provided to The New York Times. A more formal report of the commission's plans will be presented at a hearing on Capitol Hill on Nov. 17 – a week before the bipartisan panel is expected to complete its recommendations. The Tea Party commission was formed by Freedom-



FreedomWorks President Matt Kibbe, left, and Dick Armey, the former House Majority Leader, speak at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. A Tea Party commission formed by FreedomWorks is hoping that with the help of conservative Senators, it can influence the work of a bipartisan panel of lawmakers that has been charged with finding at least \$1.2 trillion in cuts over the next decade.

(Chip Litherland/The New York Times)

Works, the libertarian advocacy group that is led by Dick Armey, the former House majority leader, and was one of the first organizations to cultivate the Tea Party. FreedomWorks named 12 commissioners and held nine hearings where it gave presentations on the budget deficit and solicited ideas on how to cut it.

The group also set up a website on which people were presented a series of choices about what to cut from the budget.

"What we're trying to prove," said Adam Brandon, a spokesman for FreedomWorks, "is that No.

1, there's popular support for cuts, and that No. 2, it is possible to make the cuts that we're talking about without raising new revenue."

The commission's preliminary recommendations tend to be ideas that conservatives have long supported. The FreedomWorks presentation argued that raising taxes could not balance the budget.

The menu of choices on the debt commission website did not include options that Democrats have suggested; for instance, requiring hedge fund managers to pay ordinary tax rates, rather than the lower 15

percent they pay now on so-called carried interest income.

Instead, would-be budget architects were offered stark choices: Would you prefer to reduce Social Security benefits for those with high incomes or raise the retirement age for Social Security to 70? End all foreign aid or eliminate the Department of Energy? Eliminate ethanol tax credits or end farm subsidies? Other proposals included privatizing air traffic control, reducing the pay for federal employees by 10 percent and eliminating AmeriCorps, the youth volunteer program.

A FreedomWorks memo on the preliminary findings said that more than 40,000 people visited the website to make recommendations for cuts. □



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## Prisoner swap between Israel, Hamas moves ahead

MATTI FRIEDMAN

Associated Press

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — The elaborate machinery of a prisoner swap deal between two bitter enemies swung into motion early Tuesday, as hundreds of Palestinians and one Israeli soldier prepared to return home in one of the most dramatic recent developments in the otherwise deadlocked Israel-Palestinian conflict. Before dawn Tuesday, the first 96 inmates were moved from a prison in the south to another in the West Bank, where they were later to be released, a spokesman for Israel's Prisons Service said.

The Israel-Hamas deal, to take place Tuesday morning, is going ahead despite criticism and court appeals in Israel against the release of 1,027 Palestinians for a single captured Armored Corps sergeant, Gilad Schalit, held by militants in Gaza since 2006. The exchange, negotiated through mediators because Israel and Hamas will not talk directly to each other, involves a delicate series of staged releases, each one triggering the next. When it is over, Schalit — 19 years old at the time of his capture, and 25 now — will be free, ending what for Israel has been a prolonged and painful saga. Israel was forced to acknowledge that it had no way of rescuing Schalit in a military operation, though the soldier was held no more than a few miles (kilometers) from its border. Instead, Israel agreed to a lopsided prisoner exchange that Hamas officials have openly said will encourage

them to capture more soldiers, and which will free Palestinians convicted of some of the deadliest at-

477 Palestinians held in Israeli jails will have been released, several of them after decades behind bars.

been moved from their original prisons to other Israeli penal installations in preparation for their re-

posed to move Schalit from Gaza through the Rafah border terminal into Egypt, where he will be met by Israeli medical personnel, according to Israeli defense officials. Once the soldier is in Egypt, the officials said, the rest of the prisoners will be released under the terms of the exchange agreement. About 100 will be sent to the West Bank, and roughly 30 are to be deported to Jordan, Turkey, Qatar and Syria, which agreed to take prisoners who Israel insisted not be allowed to return home, according to Hamas officials. The rest will be freed in Gaza. Schalit will be brought to an Israeli military base along the Egypt border, where he will be issued a new military uniform and given another medical examination, according to the Israeli military. Although he appeared healthy the last time he was seen — in a brief and scripted 2009 video released by Hamas — he was denied all visits, including by the Red Cross, and the state of his mental and physical health is unclear. □



**Palestinian Hamas militants stand guard on the main road in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, Monday, Oct. 17, 2011. The exchange between Israel and Hamas in which 1,027 Palestinian prisoners will be released for captured Israeli soldier Gilad Schalit is expected to take place on Tuesday.**

(AP Photo/Eyad Baba)

tacks against Israeli civilians in recent memory. Numerically uneven swaps for captured or dead Israeli soldiers held by armed Arab groups have taken place a number of times since the 1980s. The last one, in 2008, saw the release of five militants in return for the bodies of two Israeli soldiers held by the Lebanese group Hezbollah. In a deal with Hezbollah in 2004, Israel freed about 400 prisoners in return for a former army colonel and the bodies of three soldiers. When Tuesday's exchange is complete,

Another 550 are set to be released in two months. Palestinians slated to be part of the initial part of the exchange have already

lease. The very first group, 27 women, are to walk free sometime after dawn Tuesday. After that, Hamas is sup-

## Somali militants threaten suicide attacks in Kenya

ABDI GULED  
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Associated Press

**MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)** — Somali militants threatened to bring down Nairobi skyscrapers after Kenya sent hundreds of troops into Somalia. The threat emanated from the same lawless country in which the al-Qaida masterminds behind 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies sought refuge. The Kenyan invasion comes

at a time when al-Shabab has been weakened by famine in its strongholds, has been pushed from the capital of Mogadishu by African Union troops and finds itself increasingly challenged by clan militias. The U.S. has also launched airstrikes against al-Shabab leaders amid concerns over terrorist training camps in the failed state of Somalia.

The men who masterminded the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania found shelter in the chaos of its 20-year-old conflict. Al-Shabab lashed out in a news conference and an eloquent English statement on Monday, saying that the "bloody battles that will ensue as a result of this incursion will most likely disrupt the social equilibrium and imperil the lives of hundreds of thousands of civilians." □



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## Yemen's Sanaa sees worst fighting in weeks

**HAMZA HENDAWI**  
Associated Press

**SANAA, Yemen (AP)** —

Fighting between troops loyal to Yemen's embattled leader and rival forces on Monday killed at least 18 people, including eight supporters of a powerful tribal chief who defected to the opposition in March.

The pre-dawn fighting, the worst in the capital Sanaa in weeks, has revived fears of civil war in the strategically located nation on the southern corner of the Arabian Peninsula. Mortars, rockets and heavy machine-guns were used in the hours-long battle in the northern sector of the city close to the international airport.

A series of blasts shook the city for hours, forcing residents in many parts to take shelter in basements. The fighting continued throughout the night, briefly stopped for the dawn prayers and then resumed. It ceased by sunrise.

Many of the city's stores were shuttered on Monday in anticipation of renewed fighting, but the day passed without any major violence. However, traffic was lighter than usual and residents hurried home before sunset. The fighting has deepened fears that Yemen, the Arab world's poorest nation, is headed for civil war, a grim prospect for the nation's conflict-fatigued 23 million people.

Firearms have traditionally been readily available in Yemen, where owning a rifle is a rite of passage for most young males. Many Yemenis also have military experience from serving in



**Female protestors chant slogans during a demonstration demanding the resignation of Yemen's President Ali Abdullah Saleh in Sanaa, Yemen, Monday, Oct. 17, 2011.**

(AP Photo/Hani Mohammed)

the army and fighting in the nation's many domestic wars. With central authority ranging from weak to nonexistent outside Sanaa, it is not uncommon for tribesmen to have heavy machine-guns, anti-aircraft guns, mortars and rocket propelled grenades.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh is accused by many Yemenis of pushing the country into civil war by tenaciously clinging to power in the face of eight months of massive protests across the country, the defection to the opposition of key tribal and military allies and mounting international pressure on him to step down. He has so far balked at a U.S.-backed

plan proposed by Saudi Arabia and its five smaller allies in the Gulf Cooperation Council to hand over power to his deputy and step down in exchange for immunity.

A civil war would significantly hurt efforts by Washington and Riyadh to fight Yemen's dangerous al-Qaida branch and could turn the mountainous nation into a global haven for militants just a short distance away from the vast oil fields of the Gulf and the key shipping lanes in the Arabian and Red seas going to and coming from the Suez Canal.

"All signs suggest that we are headed toward civil war if things continue down this path," said Tawfeeq al-

Sanabani, a university lecturer and a political activist. "People don't want it and we are praying that something will alter the equation and we don't have one." Already, the city is dissected into sectors under the control of three forces: pro-government troops, renegade soldiers from the 1st Armored Division and tribal gunmen.

Many streets are deemed too dangerous to go into either because rival forces are deployed at close proximity or because of snipers. Checkpoints staffed by armed men from all three factions have multiplied over the months. The city, home to an estimated four million people, empties shortly after midnight. □

## Mexico says 61 men held captive

### were migrants

**MEXICO CITY (AP)** —

Mexican President Felipe Calderon said Monday that 61 men who had been kidnapped by a drug cartel before soldiers rescued them were migrants.

Calderon said Monday that kidnappers working for the Zetas cartel were holding the men captive in the northern border city of Piedras Negras until their families paid ransoms.

The three alleged kidnappers are now in custody of federal prosecutors. A day before, Mexican army Gen. Luis Crescencio Sandoval Gonzalez said the migrants were held captive by the Zetas for use as forced labor. But the Mexican Attorney General's Office did not confirm that was the case in a Monday statement. Soldiers found the men Saturday at a safe house guarded by three of the alleged kidnappers after a string of shootouts between soldiers and gunmen erupted in the city. Soldiers also found an abandoned truck filled with 6 tons of marijuana before the discovery of the migrants. Federal prosecutors say cartel workers intercepted the migrants outside a bus station in Piedras Negras and lured them to go with them by falsely offering to bring them into the United States for charges ranging from \$600 up to \$3,000. One of the migrants rescued was from Honduras and the others were from various parts of Mexico. □



# Ahmadinejad denies Iran plot against Saudi envoy

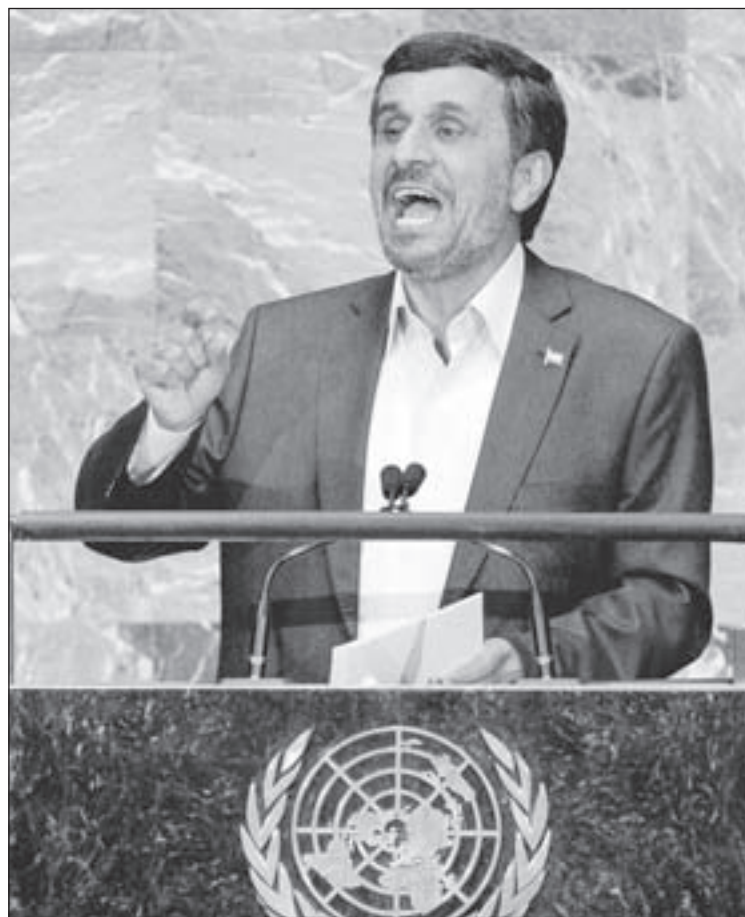
**TEHRAN, Iran (AP)** — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on Monday denied allegations that Iranian agents were involved in a plot to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to Washington, claiming the U.S. pointed its finger at Tehran to divert attention from its economic problems.

Ahmadinejad also said the United States was accusing Iran of involvement in a "terror plot" to strengthen international sanctions against the Islamic Republic. He said Iran will not investigate the allegations.

Earlier Monday, Iran's foreign minister offered to look into the alleged conspiracy against the Saudi envoy, if the U.S. provides enough information.

The statement by Ali Akbar Salehi was the first indication that Iran might cooperate with the investigation, though other officials maintained a steady stream of ridicule and rejection of the charges.

"What would Iranian peo-



**Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addresses the 66th session of the United Nations General Assembly, Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011. When Iran's president accused the U.S. at the United Nations General Assembly in 2010 of orchestrating the 9/11 attacks, American diplomats were not caught flat-footed by the tirade. Even before Ahmadinejad finished his incendiary rant, U.S. diplomats marched out in protest and were ready with a written statement condemning his comments.**

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

ple gain from going inside the U.S. and killing an ambassador of a friendly country?" Ahmadinejad said in an interview with Al-Jazeera satellite TV channel on Monday.

"Terror is only deployed by uncivilized nations," he added.

Two men, including a member of the Iranian special foreign actions unit known as the Quds Force, have been charged in New York federal court with conspiring to kill the Saudi diplomat, Adel al-Jubeir.

The alleged plot raised tensions between Mideast's Sunni power, Saudi Arabia, and Iran, the Shiite powerhouse.

In Switzerland, Iran's parliament speaker said American officials are playing a child's game and have insulted his nation with the accusations.

"The issue and the plot is so naive that it doesn't need any mediation at all," said the speaker, Ali Larijani.

Manssor Arbabsiar, a 56-year-old U.S. citizen who also holds an Iranian

passport, was charged in a New York federal court along with Gholam Shakuri, whom U.S. authorities said was a Quds Force member, with conspiring to kill the Saudi diplomat, Adel Al-Jubeir.

On Sunday, Iran's supreme leader warned the United States that any measures taken against Tehran over the alleged plot would elicit a "resolute" response.

"If U.S. officials have some delusions, (they must) know that any unsuitable act, whether political or security, will meet a resolute response from the Iranian nation," state TV quoted Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei as saying.

Iran also demanded that a diplomat be allowed to visit one of the men in prison.

President Barack Obama pledged Tehran would be held accountable for "a pattern of reckless behavior by the Iranian government."

U.S. officials have said no one was in immediate danger during the alleged assassination plot. □

## 8 foreigners killed in Botswana plane crash

**MICHELLE FAUL  
SELLO MOTSETA  
Associated Press**

**GABORONE, Botswana** (AP) — A light aircraft carrying 12 people crashed after takeoff and burst into flames in Botswana, killing the British pilot and seven tourists from France, Sweden and Britain, an official said.

The crash occurred Friday in the southern African nation's remote Okavango Delta, according to spokesman Modipe Nkwe of the Civil Aviation Authority. He said two French tourists and two Botswana citizens survived.

The cause is under investigation, Nkwe said Monday. His agency had issued a brief statement announcing the crash on Friday, with few details. It was un-

clear why it took three days to announce the fatalities. Britain and France confirmed they had citizens aboard the flight, but Sweden said it was still investigating the reports.

The chartered Cessna 208, operated by local company Moremi Air, crashed shortly after takeoff from Xakanaka airfield in northern Botswana and was ablaze soon after.

The plane had been headed for a luxury safari camp on Pom Pom island, a site in the heart of the delta that is famous for its birds and wildlife, including elephants.

Moremi Air CEO Sue Smart said in a statement Monday that the company has grounded its entire fleet while investigations proceed. She said the pilot

was the company's general manager and "our most seasoned pilot with over 12,000 hours of flying."

The seven tourists who perished were a British man, three French women, two Swedish women and a Swedish man, Nkwe said. At least some of the survivors were airlifted for medical care to Johannesburg in neighboring South Africa. Botswana's Monitor newspaper quoted one local survivor, vehicle inspector Bernard Lottering, as saying that after the aircraft crashed to the ground he kicked out a window and got out.

As the plane caught fire, he managed to pull out his colleague and dragged two other passengers to safety, apparently the French. □

## 3 Argentines charged with rape, murder of tourists

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina** (AP) — Three part-time tour guides were formally charged Monday with rape and murder in the deaths of two French tourists.

Three others were charged with covering up the crimes. Cassandre Bouvier, 29, and Houria Moumnim, 24, who came to Argentina from France for an academic conference, were shot to death in July as they hiked on a well-traveled nature trail in provincial Salta.

Three men who occasionally worked as tour guides on the trail — Gustavo Lasi, Daniel Vilte and Santos Vera — were ordered held in preventive detention

Monday by Judge Martin Perez on charges of premeditated murder, aggravated sexual abuse and robbery.

Lasi's girlfriend Maria Fernanda Canizares, was charged with covering up the crime after the tourists' cell phone and camera were found in the home she shares with her father, a provincial police official.

Two other men — Omar Dario Ramos and Antonio Eduardo Sandoval — were charged with trying to hide the murder weapon.

Five other suspects investigated by Perez were separated from the case. □







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# US urges end to abuses of Myanmar minorities

MATTHEW PENNINGTON  
Associated Press

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The United States sees encouraging new signs of openness in isolated Myanmar but says that after decades of military rule, the Asian country has a way to go before it loses its pariah status and tough sanctions are lifted. Special envoy to Myanmar Derek Mitchell said Monday there seems to be a trend toward greater openness but questions remain about its commitment to democratic reform. Myanmar, also known as Burma, held elections last year which although flawed, were its first since democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi swept a 1990 vote and was barred from taking power.

In late September, the government stopped work on a controversial China-backed dam, saying the \$3.6 billion project was "against the will of the people." And last week, authorities freed as many as 250 of the country's more



A Myanmar model presents a creation by a Myanmar designer during a bridal fair at a hotel in Yangon, Myanmar, Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011. The United States sees encouraging new signs of openness in isolated Myanmar but says that after decades of military rule, the Asian country has a way to go before it loses its pariah status and tough sanctions are lifted.

(AP Photo/Khin Maung Win)

than 2,000 political detainees. Mitchell welcomed the government's recent moves as encouraging and said his September visit yielded productive meetings with Myanmar officials,

traditionally viewed as xenophobic. He said they were willing to discuss anything he raised. "Right now I think there are a lot of restrictions that make them into a pariah state. And Burma is a proud

country with a tremendous history, and they deserve to come out of the shadows and take their prideful place in the region," Mitchell

told a news conference in Washington.

Myanmar, a former breadbasket of Southeast Asia, has suffered not just repressive government but poor economic management during nearly 50 years of military rule. It is subject to wide-ranging trade, economic and political sanctions from the U.S. and other Western nations, enforced in response to brutal crackdowns on pro-democracy protesters that left hundreds, maybe thousands dead in 1988 and again in 2007, and its refusal to hand power to Suu Kyi's party after the 1990 elections.

But sanctions and isolation have failed to force change, and only served to complicate U.S. engagement with the economically vibrant Southeast Asian region, as Washington looks to deepen its existing alliances and forge new ones to counter China's rise. □

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# St. John's focuses on what teachers don't know



Sarah Benson, who has a Ph. D in art history and a master's in comparative literature, teaches geometry at St. John's College in Annapolis, Md. St. John's requires its professors to teach almost every subject, leveraging ignorance as much as expertise.

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### ALAN SCHWARZ

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**ANNAPOLIS, Md.** – Sarah

Benson last encountered college mathematics 20 years ago in an undergraduate algebra class. Her sole experience teaching math came in the second grade, when the first-graders needed help with their minuses.

And yet Benson, with a Ph.D. in art history and a master's degree in comparative literature, stood at

the chalkboard drawing parallelograms, constructing angles and otherwise dismembering Euclid's Proposition 32 the way a biology professor might treat a water frog. Her students cared little about her inexperience. As for her employers, they did not mind, either: They had asked her to teach formal geometry expressly because it was a subject about which she knew very little.

It was just another day

here at St. John's College, whose distinctiveness goes far beyond its curriculum of great works: Aeschylus and Aristotle, Bacon and Bach. As much of academia fractures into ever more specific disciplines, this tiny college still expects – in fact, requires – its professors to teach almost every subject, leveraging ignorance as much as expertise.

"There's a little bit of impostor syndrome," said Benson, who will teach Lavoisier's

"Elements of Chemistry" next semester. "But here, it's OK that I don't know something. I can figure it out, and my job is to help the students do the same thing. It's very collaborative."

Or as St. John's president, Chris Nelson (class of 1970), put it with a smile

faculty members, if they were cubbyholed into a specialization, they'd think that they know more than they do. That usually is an impediment to learning. Learning is born of ignorance."

Students who attend St. John's – it has a sister campus in Santa Fe, N.M., with



Ryan Fleming and Taylor Jarrell watch during a geometry class led by Sarah Benson, who has a Ph. D in art history and a master's in comparative literature, at St. John's College in Annapolis, Md. St. John's requires its professors to teach almost every subject, leveraging ignorance as much as expertise.

(Shannon Jensen/The New York Times)

only slightly sadistic: "Every member of the faculty who comes here gets thrown in the deep end. I think the

the same curriculum and philosophies – know that their college experience will be like no other. There are no majors; every student takes the same 16 yearlong courses, which generally feature about 15 students discussing Sophocles or Homer, and the professor acting more as catalyst than connoisseur.

What they may not know is that their professor – or tutor in the St. John's vernacular – might have no background in the subject. □

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## Club di Movimiento earns 4th place in New Jersey



**ORANJESTAD** - Club di Movimiento made it to fourth place in a dance competition with more than 120 participants. The Aruban group that participated in Mahwah, New Jersey on

the 8th and 9th of October consisted of 18 students from Club di Movimiento under direction of director Samanta Westera Juppa and teacher Vivian Maduro. The ages of the students



that participated ranged from 13 to 19 years. They took part in classical ballet and contemporary, where the level was very high. The points that were given indicate that they did much better this year than they did 3 years ago in 2008. It was the first time that the Aruban dancers participated in classical ballet competition (solo division). The contemporary and classical dances were very well received and appreciated by the audience and the jury. The end result was that the Aruban dancers got to participate in the Gala Finale of Sunday Oc-



tober 9th with their dance "ELEMENTS" and with that won 4th place. The choreography for this dance is from Samanta Westera-Juppa and Mayra Stroeken. Club di Movimiento received an "ENCOURAGEMENT

AWARD". In the end a very educational and successful participation in this large dance competition at New Jersey. With gratitude to Unoca, Departamento di Cultura, sponsors and teachers. □



# Casa Tua Barcelona plays host to famous Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival stars



**Oranjestad** – Famed Dutch Jazz Saxophonist Candy Dulfer visited Casa Tua Barcelona for some Tapas and Paella this past weekend and enjoyed the restaurant's Rumba Gitana Show, with performer Angela Croes.

Dulfer appeared at Cas di Cultura Plaza as the headliner for this year's 5th edition of the Caribbean Sea Jazz festival, and was escorted for dinner by local organizers and some fellow-musicians from her world-popular band. Casa Tua Barcelona serves Spanish, French and Italian dishes, Tapas and Paellas, at its cozy downtown location, facing the Renaissance Marina hotel. The old Bodega charm of the restaurant comes alive



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## No headway for all-star lawyer team of Lopez, Lejuez and Baez

*Gary Giordano denied early release*

**ORANJESTAD** - A man detained in the disappearance of a Maryland woman during a vacation in Aruba will remain behind bars at least until the end of October, Aruban prosecutors said Monday. Gary Giordano was arrested by Aruban police on August 5, three days after his traveling companion Robyn Gardner was last seen on a beach on the Caribbean Island. Attorney Michael Lopez went to court Monday morning and asked for Giordano's release. Lopez argued that authorities do not have enough evidence to continue to hold the 50-year-old Maryland man, but the court did not agree. "Gary Giordano defense attorney's request for release has been denied," said Ann Angela from the Aruban prosecutor's office. Giordano's next detainment hearing is scheduled for the end of the month, Angela said. Giordano has maintained that he had been snorkeling with Gardner, when



he signaled to her to swim back, according to a statement from the prosecutor's office. When he reached the beach, Gardner was nowhere to be found, he allegedly said. He was arrested three days after the incident at the airport in Aruba as he waited for a flight back to the United States. He has been held

for more than 70 days. Authorities say Giordano was the beneficiary of a \$1.5 million accidental death insurance policy on Gardner, taken out just days before their trip. On Friday, Giordano hired a new lead defense attorney, Chris Lejuez, who spent two days in lengthy meetings with Giordano at the



prison in Aruba where he is confined. Lejuez said Giordano has never changed his account of what happened. Instead, it is the police who come at Giordano with different theories as to what might have happened, he said. Even after all of their investigating, authorities "cannot prove that a crime has been

committed," Lejuez said. Lejuez said Giordano is simply trying to "hold it together," and "feels boxed in, accused of something he did not do." At one point in their conversation, Lejuez said, his client "broke down in tears" of frustration. Lejuez will be working with Giordano's U.S.-based attorney, Jose Baez. Lejuez, who has 17 years of experience as a criminal defense attorney on the island, represented two Aruban security guards who were arrested early in the Natalee Holloway case in 2005 and were subsequently released. The guards had been implicated by the suspects in the case, who said they saw a security guard approach Holloway after he dropped her off at her hotel the night she vanished. Holloway's disappearance remains unsolved. Van der Sloot was arrested but never charged in connection with the disappearance, although he has faced other legal problems since then. □



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## CHTA Caribbean Marketplace sees 48% increase in registration

THE CARIBBEAN - The Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CHTA) is reporting that registration for the 30th Anniversary of Caribbean Marketplace is experiencing a 48% increase versus the same time one year ago when there were 14 weeks until the event.

To date, there are 343 delegates representing 153 companies already registered for Caribbean Marketplace. Registrations have been received from the following countries: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, The Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Bonaire, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, France, Grenada, Jamaica, Mexico, Puerto Rico, St. Barths, St. Kitts & Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & the Grenadines, St. Martin, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands, United Kingdom, United States and United States Virgin Islands. "The numbers we are seeing for Caribbean Marketplace support the fact



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that interest in Caribbean vacations is on the rise," said Josef Forstmayr, president of CHTA.

"The industry recognizes that for the past 30 years, Caribbean Marketplace has allowed tour operators, hoteliers,

and restaurants to position their companies ahead of their peers by proactively participating in the industry's most important marketing event."

Forstmayr continued, "The demand for Caribbean vacations from across the globe is on the rise

and these companies who have registered for Caribbean Marketplace know the importance of attending this two-day event.

The business that is conducted at Caribbean Marketplace will shape bookings for 2012 and into 2013."

Caribbean Marketplace 2012 will be held at the Atlantis, Paradise Island Jan 22-24, 2012 and presented by CHTA, The Islands Of The Bahamas, MasterCard and Virgin Holidays. Caribbean Marketplace is the requisite business-to-business marketing event for the Caribbean hotel and tourism industry. At Caribbean Marketplace, hoteliers meet, network, negotiate and conduct business with buyers from around the world.

CHTA anticipates that the 2012 edition of the event will continue the successes achieved at Caribbean Marketplace 2011, which saw the third largest attendance over the past decade, with 1,518 delegates as compared to 1,362 in 2010 and an increase in the number of buyer companies by 20% and buyer delegates by 17%, up from 101 and 268 respectively in 2010. The number of scheduled appointments totaled 11,880 over the two-day event in 2011. □

## Mr. Joe Lazaro and Mrs. Trisha Lazaro honored as Goodwill Ambassadors

Recently Mr. & Mrs. Lazaro, residents of Massachusetts USA, were honored as Goodwill Ambassadors after returning to Aruba for 23 consecutive years. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of

the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba between ten and twenty consecutive years. Ms. Darline S. de Cuba representing the Aruba Tourism Authority and Ms. Vivian Frank con-

ducted the ceremony held at Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa.

Family Lazaro loves Aruba very much, and has also brought a lot of family and friends to Aruba through the years. □





# Arelys Franken launches her Christmas Album



**ORANJESTAD** - After a long time not having recorded a Christmas song, we have the pleasure of once again enjoying the angelic voice of our own Arelys Franken. Arelys, who always has been known to produce songs with substance and time and again has inspired

the people of Aruba, has released a new song for this Christmas season. An explosive exciting Christmas song with a touch of local flavor who is called "Mi Kier Un Pasco" I Want A Christmas". It is an inspiration that has been

composed and arranged by a well known local musician Raul Piar and was recorded at solid Sound HD Recording Studio. When we asked Arelys the reason and the purpose for this production she told us that it was a cry of her heart unto the people to come together and real-

ize that its Christmas the greatest season of the year. The season where in the intimacy of our loved ones, we can find renewed strength to continue to push forward to accomplish our desired goals, with a heart filled with gratitude for how the people of Aruba have always supported her. Arelys wants to give this song as a Christmas gift to Aruba, with all the warm

Christmas wishes for the season. A special thanks goes to all the friends who have made this production possible, especially Raul Piar, Mapotech, Inspired Media Solutions, and Manpower for you. □

## Catch your own dinner with Driftwood! Motto at Driftwood Restaurant: "From the pier to your plate!"



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# Lions unbeaten no longer after 25-19 loss to 49ers

San Francisco 49ers head coach Jim Harbaugh, left, and Detroit Lions head coach Jim Schwartz, right, shout at each other after an NFL football game in Detroit, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011. The 49ers won 25-19.

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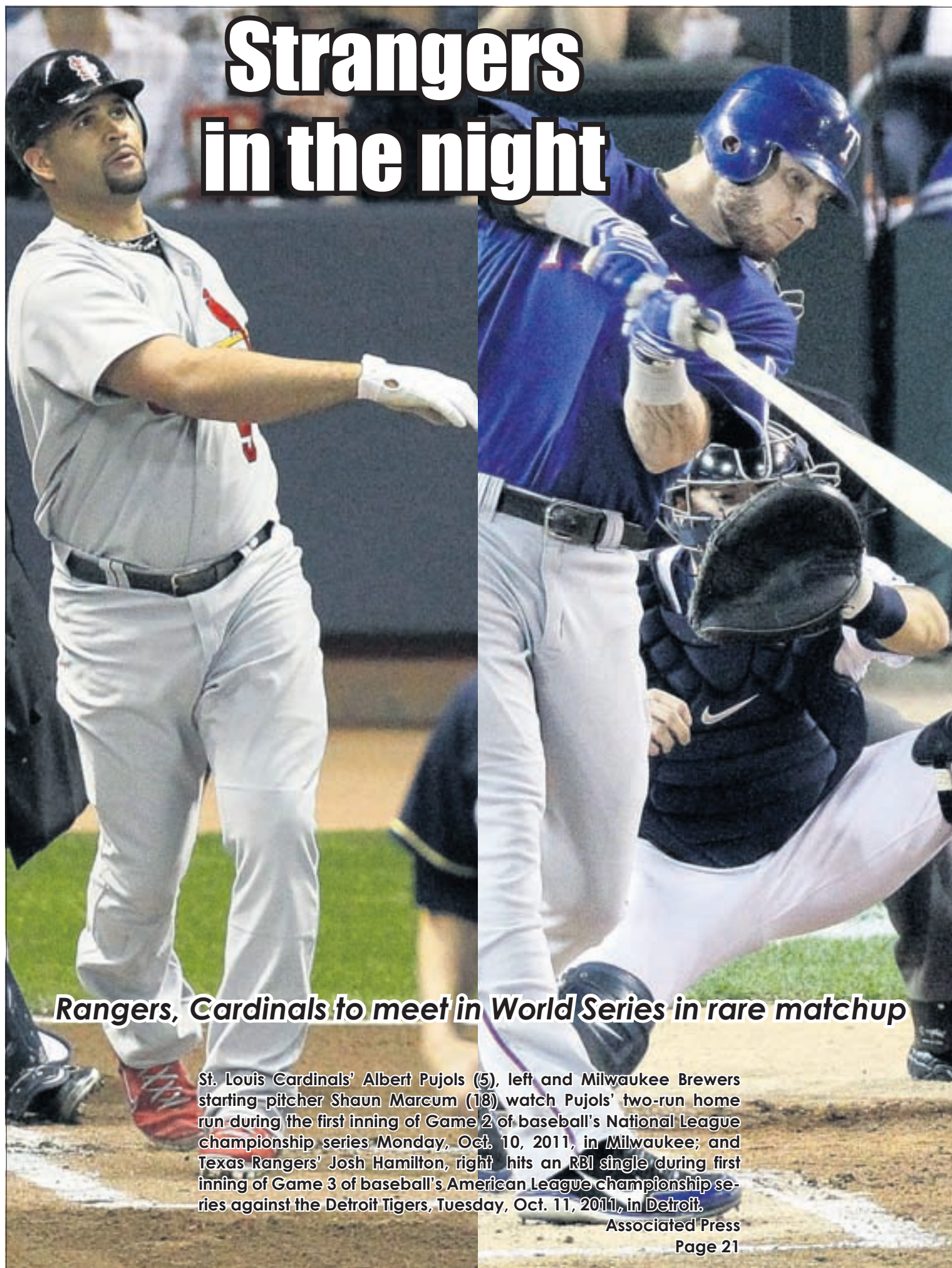
Andy Murray of Britain shows off his trophy during an award ceremony after defeating David Ferrer of Spain in their singles final of the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai, China, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011.

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## Murray supplants Federer at No. 3 in rankings

**LONDON (AP)** — For the first time in eight years, Roger Federer has fallen out of the top 3 in the ATP rankings. Britain's Andy Murray moved from fourth to third in the new rankings released Monday, with Federer dropping from No. 3 to No. 4. Novak Djokovic remains No. 1, and Rafael Nadal No. 2. Murray has captured three consecutive titles in Bangkok, Tokyo and Shanghai, winning 25 of 26 matches since mid-August. Federer, who hasn't played an ATP event since losing to Djokovic in the U.S. Open semifinals, is out of the top 3 for the first time since July 2003.

Also Monday, Kei Nishikori became the highest-ranked Japanese player in the Open era, climbing 17 spots to No. 30 after reaching the Shanghai semifinals. □



## Strangers in the night

### Rangers, Cardinals to meet in World Series in rare matchup

St. Louis Cardinals' Albert Pujols (5), left and Milwaukee Brewers starting pitcher Shaun Marcum (18) watch Pujols' two-run home run during the first inning of Game 2 of baseball's National League championship series Monday, Oct. 10, 2011, in Milwaukee; and Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton, right hits an RBI single during first inning of Game 3 of baseball's American League championship series against the Detroit Tigers, Tuesday, Oct. 11, 2011, in Detroit.

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# NBA heads to mediation, Stern seeks quick results

**BRIAN MAHONEY**  
AP Basketball Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The NBA and players' association are ready to try mediation, and Commissioner David Stern wants results quickly. Stern said last week during an interview with WFAN radio in New York that without a deal Tuesday, when the sides meet with federal mediator George Cohen, his "gut" was that there wouldn't be NBA basketball on Christmas.

Owners are opening two days of board meetings Wednesday, and Stern wants to be able to bring a deal to them.

But can a mediator swoop in and smooth out two years of bickering in one day?

Attorney Jay Krupin, chair of EpsteinBeckerGreen's national labor practice in Washington, doesn't think so — unless the players are prepared to concede on some issues.

"If the players want to get back on the court, then this is a great time for them to try to show that they're willing to make some type of compromise, and I think that's what it is," he said. "This is an opportunity to



From front left, Billy Hunter, executive director of the NBA players union, Los Angeles Clippers guard Mo Williams and Derek Fisher, president of the NBA players union, at podium, take question from reporters after a basketball player's meeting on labor negotiations with the NBA league Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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really determine whether or not the players are willing to make concessions. I think the owners are willing to walk away without concessions, so if the players really want to make concessions when they meet, that has to be expressed to the mediator.

"If that happens, then the burden turns to the NBA to say, 'All right, you'll be willing to make some conces-

sions; now we're willing to talk.' If they're not willing to make concessions, then the mediation would just go on for the day and it'll let the NBA know that they probably have to cancel, go through Christmas and maybe even the rest of the season."

Players already feel they've conceded plenty financially, and they dismissed Stern's attempt to attach

added importance to Tuesday's talks, with union president Derek Fisher of the Lakers saying it was just an "arbitrary deadline" for potential Christmas cancellations.

Stern was clear in the radio interview and others he gave late last week that he was just stating his opinion about further losses of games — but not about his desire for significant movement Tuesday.

"If there's a breakthrough, it's going to come on Tuesday," he told NBA TV. "And if not, I think that the season is really going to potentially escape from us because we aren't making any progress."

Cohen, who tried to resolve the NFL's labor dispute, met with the sides individually at their offices in New York on Monday. He will then oversee talks between their full bargaining committees Tuesday at a hotel.

He said last week he had already been in contact with representatives of both sides "for a number of months," so he's familiar with some of the issues that still divide them.

Players oppose a hard salary cap, and they believe

owners' attempts to make the luxury tax more punitive and limit the use of spending exceptions will effectively create one. Also, each side has formally proposed receiving 53 percent of basketball-related income after players were guaranteed 57 percent under the previous collective bargaining agreement. With so many issues remaining beyond those, it seems too much to get done in one day. Executive director Billy Hunter said Friday after meeting with players in Los Angeles that the union sought to have the whole week set aside for mediation, but that the league wouldn't commit to that because of its owners meetings.

"The Board of Governors meeting has been scheduled for a year for Wednesday and Thursday. We told the mediator that we would make ourselves available day and night on all other days," Stern said in a statement to The Associated Press.

Cohen was appointed director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service by President Barack Obama in 2009. □



Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder David Beckham, right, of England, attempts to get the ball by Chivas USA defender Ante Jazic, left, during the first half of an MLS soccer match, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, in Carson, Calif. The Galaxy won 1-0.

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**By GREG BEACHAM**  
AP Sports Writer

**CARSON, Calif.** (AP)—Although the Los Angeles Galaxy and Chivas USA both play at Home Depot Center, everybody knows which club really runs this stadium.

The star-studded Galaxy never lost on this pitch during their historic regular season, and they're hoping the streak continues all the way through the MLS Cup here next month.

Chad Barrett scored in the 53rd minute, Josh Saunders

## Galaxy beats Chivas 1-0

### Unbeaten home season

earned his eighth shutout, and the Galaxy wrapped up the third unbeaten home season in MLS history with a 1-0 victory over the Goats on Sunday night.

Los Angeles (19-4-10) already clinched the Supporters' Shield and the top playoff seed with MLS' best regular-season record, and the Galaxy secured the SuperClasico trophy in its rivalry series with a 2-0 aggregate victory over Chivas. Yet the Galaxy still want one more trophy after going 12-0-5 this season at home.

"We've always said we want to make our stadium somewhere to come that's hard to win, and I think we've done that," David Beckham said. "We've worked hard on that, and

it's important that we perform in our own stadium."

While Beckham played the whole match, fellow superstars Landon Donovan and Robbie Keane sat out. Donovan, selected as the Galaxy's team MVP in a post-game ceremony, is resting a strained quadriceps that kept him out of two recent U.S. national team games, while Keane is resting a torn thigh muscle.

The match also might have been the final regular-season home appearance by Beckham, whose five-year MLS contract expires after the season. The Galaxy remain hopeful the English superstar will extend his stay in Hollywood, but Beckham has said he won't decide his future until the offseason. Beckham

reiterated that stance after leaving the pitch with his three sons. He also said he plans to travel to Honduras for Thursday's CONCACAF Champions League meeting with Motagua.

He's more focused on a big finish to the Galaxy's remarkable MLS season.

Los Angeles has 67 points in the MLS standings, the most by any club since the league abandoned the shootout after the 1999 season. The Galaxy could set the league record with 70 points if they win next week's season finale in Houston.

Saunders made four saves as Los Angeles also tied the MLS record for shutouts in a season with 17, matching the Kansas City Wizards' mark in 2000. □



# Factors converged in crash that killed Dan Wheldon

By JENNA FRYER  
AP Auto Racing Writer

The perfect storm: A high-banked oval crowded with the largest field of the season. Inexperienced or impatient drivers racing at more than 220 mph. Absolutely no room for error.

What was supposed to be a season-ending showdown at Las Vegas Motor Speedway became instead a script for disaster Sunday: a fiery 15-car crash that killed popular two-time Indianapolis 500 winner Dan Wheldon and left the shaken auto racing community to deal with uncomfortable questions.

The drivers knew the Las Vegas race was going to present challenges even before the season began. The sleek, open-wheel machines of IndyCar had not raced at the track since 2000, and the now-defunct Champ Car Series was last there in 2005. Some of the drivers had been there before, but many had not. None had raced an IndyCar there since the track's 2006 reconfiguration added "progressive banking" designed to increase side-by-side racing.

So there was some initial fretting when second-year IndyCar chairman Randy Bernard announced a \$5 million payday to any moonlighting driver who could win the race.

Bernard had hoped to land a superstar or two from the fender-rubbing NASCAR circuit.

Maybe even former Indianapolis 500 winner Juan Pablo Montoya.

But nobody bit, despite interest from NASCAR driver Kasey Kahne, X-Games star Travis Pastrana and former CART champion Alex Zanardi.

"Hopefully they'll pick someone competent enough to drive those things because it is an IndyCar," Penske driver Will Power said shortly after the prize was announced. "You can't rub panels. You rub wheels, and someone's going flying."

Kahne said Monday that team owner Rick Hendrick was against his participation, and Hendrick con-

firmed it. Kahne's lack of experience in an IndyCar made it virtually impossible for him to win.

"The upside is winning that big purse, but it's not realistic to think you can go out there and beat the drivers who run the series full time," Hendrick said. "They're incredibly talented, and it would be a significant investment of time and resources to be competitive. You'd have to test and practice, and it would inevitably take focus away from what you're trying to do (in NASCAR)."

"Not having the experience in those type of cars — not having a feel for them — increases the odds of something happening (on the track). We have a lot of commitments, and I didn't think it made sense to create a distraction or take a chance."

That left only Wheldon, winner of 14 races on ovals in IndyCar, including the Indy 500 in May, to be eligible for the \$5 million prize. Bernard made that ruling because the 33-year-old Englishman lost his job at the end of last season, put together a one-race deal for the Indy 500 and had turned down offers from less-competitive teams.

Wheldon put together a deal with Sam Schmidt Motorsports to race two weeks ago at Kentucky and for the prize on Sunday.

"He wanted to do it in the worst way," an emotional Bernard said Monday.

A lot of other drivers wanted to be in the race, too.

Interest in the final race, which Bernard had worked tirelessly to create, had risen enough that sponsors wanted to get involved. Because IndyCar is in the final year of racing its current car design, teams had expendable inventory.

It led to 34 entries in the field. That's one car more than the Indy 500, five more than the race two weeks ago at Kentucky, and eight more than IndyCar had in Japan last month.

Who were these new drivers? Men and women without much experience at IndyCar's top level.

It was the fourth start for



Drivers take five tribute laps in honor of Dan Wheldon, who died following a crash in the IndyCar Series' Las Vegas Indy 300 auto race earlier Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, in Las Vegas. The race did not resume.

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Wade Cunningham, who was in the thick of the action where the accident started.

It was the third career start for Pippa Mann and the 20th for JR Hildebrand, who both spent Sunday night in a Las Vegas hospital recovering from injuries suffered in the accident.

At least six drivers didn't have enough starts to complete a full season, and some of the veterans had raced only a handful of times this season.


They all turn out for the Indy 500, too, and the speeds on that oval are faster than they were at Las Vegas. But Indianapolis is a relatively flat track, is a mile longer than Las Vegas, and drivers have three weeks of track time to prepare for the race.

The drivers had three hours, 15 minutes of practice time over three days to get ready for Las Vegas. They were not on the track at all Saturday.

Davey Hamilton alluded to a lack of experience contributing to Sunday's accident.

"You can't come in here and race with these guys and think you're going to beat them — ever," Hamilton said.

"I'm a part-time guy now. When I go to Indianapolis, I get weeks of practice," he said. □



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## NFL Roundup

# 49ers beat previously unbeaten Lions 25-19

**DETROIT (AP)**—Alex Smith's fourth-down, 6-yard pass to Delanie Walker gave San Francisco the game-leading touchdown with 1:51 left as the 49ers went on to a 25-19 win over the previously unbeaten Detroit Lions.

Detroit had a chance to drive for a tying field goal or a go-ahead TD, but couldn't get a first down against a swarming defense that hit and confused quarterback Matthew Stafford from the start.

David Akers gave San Francisco (5-1) a six-point lead with 1:02 to go with a 37-yard field goal.

### Packers 24, Rams 3

At Green Bay, Wisconsin, Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdowns, including a career-long 93-yarder to Jordy Nelson, and Green Bay now stands as the NFL's only undefeated team.

Rodgers threw for 310 yards for the Packers (6-0). The Lions were the only other unbeaten team entering the day, but lost to the 49ers.

James Jones and Donald Driver also caught touchdowns from Rodgers, although the Packers offense hit a lull and didn't score in the second half.

### Giants 27, Bills 24

At East Rutherford, New Jersey, Ahmad Bradshaw ran for 104 yards and a career-best three touchdowns, and Lawrence Tynes kicked a go-ahead 23-yard field goal with 1:32 remaining for New York.

Bradshaw scored on three 1-yard runs and had a 30-yard run to help set up Tynes' winner as the Giants (4-2) rebounded from a bad loss to Seattle last weekend by limiting the high-scoring Bills (4-2) to seven second-half points.

### Patriots 20, Cowboys 16

At Foxborough, Massachusetts, Tom Brady threw an 8-yard touchdown pass to Aaron Hernandez with 22 seconds left to rally



San Francisco 49ers tight end Delanie Walker (46) celebrates his fourth-quarter touchdown with wide receiver Michael Crabtree (15) to take the lead in an NFL football game against the Detroit Lions, Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011, in Detroit. The 49ers defeated the Lions 25-19.

New England past Dallas. Dan Bailey's 26-yard field goal had broken a 13-13 tie with 5:13 left. Each team ran one series before the Patriots got the ball after a punt with 2:30 remaining.

Brady then completed eight of nine passes for 78 yards on an 80-play drive capped by his pass to Hernandez in the middle of the end zone.

### Raiders 24, Browns 17

At Oakland, California, Jacoby Ford returned a kickoff 101 yards and Kevin Boss caught a 35-yard touchdown pass on a fake field goal to lead Oakland in its first home game since the death of longtime owner Al Davis. It was an emotional day with many old-time Raiders coming back to honor Davis, the man who had been the face of the franchise for nearly a half-century before dying Oct. 8 of an undisclosed illness at age 82.

### Ravens 29, Texans 14

At Baltimore, Joe Flacco threw for 305 yards and ran for a score, and Billy

Cundiff kicked five field goals for Baltimore (4-1).

The Ravens did just enough on defense to earn their third straight win. Baltimore held Houston scoreless over the final 21 minutes and limited standout running back Arian Foster to 49 yards on 15 attempts.

Flacco had two turnovers, but he also had completions of 51 yards and 56 yards to put Cundiff in position to score.

Cundiff connected from 43, 48, 25, 33 and 40 yards to tie a Ravens record for field goals in a game.

### Buccaneers 26, Saints 20

At Tampa, Florida, Josh Freeman threw for 303 yards and two touchdowns, and Earnest Graham rushed for 109 yards in place of injured starter LeGarrette Blount.

The win pulled the Bucs (4-2) into a first place tie with the Saints in the NFC South and snapped New Orleans' four-game winning streak.

### Eagles 20, Redskins 13

At Landover, Maryland, Michael Vick threw for 237

yards and a touchdown, Kurt Coleman had three interceptions and Philadelphia snapped a four-game losing streak.

The Eagles raced to a 20-0 lead in the second quarter and held on to beat the Redskins for the 10th time in 12 tries at Washington. LeSean McCoy rushed for 126 yards and a touchdown for Philadelphia.

### Bengals 27, Colts 17

At Cincinnati, Nate Clements blocked a late field goal try that would have tied the game, and Carlos Dunlap returned a Colts fumble 35 yards for the clinching score to Indianapolis winless after six games.

The Bengals (4-2) matched their victory total from last season and ended a seven-game losing streak against the Colts, who had never lost to Cincinnati with Peyton Manning at quarterback.

Manning was on the sideline again Sunday, watching helplessly as the Colts fell to 0-6 for the fifth time in franchise history.

### Falcons 31, Panthers 17

At Atlanta, Michael Turner ran for 139 yards and two touchdowns, Matt Ryan scored the tie-breaking TD with 7 minutes remaining, and Corey Peters came up with a huge interception.

Cam Newton, who grew up just a few miles south of the Georgia Dome, wowed the crowd most of the day.

He threw for 237 yards and ran for a 14-yard touchdown that put the Panthers (1-5) ahead 17-14 heading to the final quarter.

### Steelers 17, Jaguars 13

At Pittsburgh, Rashard Mendenhall ran for a season-high 146 yards and a touchdown and the Steelers narrowly avoided a second-half collapse.

Ben Roethlisberger passed for 200 yards and a score for the Steelers (4-2), who won for the fourth time in five games.

Maurice Jones-Drew rushed for 96 yards for the Jaguars (1-5), who have dropped five straight to match the franchise's longest losing streak in a decade.

### Bears 39, Vikings 10

At Chicago, Devin Hester set the tone with a 48-yard touchdown catch and scored on a career-best 98-yard kickoff return before leaving with a chest injury as Chicago routed Minnesota.

Jay Cutler threw for 267 yards and two touchdowns without an interception.

Julius Peppers had two sacks, and the Bears (3-3) held Vikings star Adrian Peterson to 39 yards rushing.

That 48-yard TD pass from Cutler on Chicago's first possession got the Bears started quickly as they grabbed a 26-3 halftime lead.

Hester's kickoff return early in the third quarter erased any chance the Vikings had at a comeback. □



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## Hey, stranger! Rangers, Cards meet in World Series

**BEN WALKER**

**AP Baseball Writer**

**NEW YORK (AP)** — The World Series will feature a matchup of two sluggers with Most Valuable Player awards — Albert Pujols and Josh Hamilton. The championship will also showcase two emerging players making a name for themselves with each home run swing — Nelson Cruz and David Freese.

The Texas Rangers and St. Louis Cardinals will meet in the baseball classic starting Wednesday.

Game 1 of the best-of-seven series is at Busch Stadium in St. Louis, with ace pitchers Chris Carpenter of the Cardinals and C.J. Wilson set to start. Texas is considered a narrow favorite.

The National League holds home-field advantage this year because it won the All-Star game. The weather forecast calls for clear skies. Other than a three-game regular season series in 2004 in Texas, this will be the only time the Cardinals and Rangers have met. It matches the fewest games between a pair of opponents in the Major Leagues, tying the New York Mets vs. Chicago White Sox.

"The Rangers are scary. They're a scary team," said Freese, the MVP in the National League championship series victory over the Milwaukee Brewers. "You look at that lineup, you look at that staff. It's going to be a battle."

"I think we're a team that can match up with them a little bit. And they're confident, we're confident. It's



St. Louis Cardinals third baseman David Freese, left, holds up the National League MVP trophy after being named Most Valuable Player of the series against the Milwaukee Brewers; and Texas Rangers' Nelson Cruz, right, holds the American League championship most valuable player trophy after winning Game 6 of baseball's AL championship series against the Detroit Tigers 15-5, Saturday, Oct. 15, 2011, in Arlington, Texas. Texas moves on to the world series.



been a tough road. I've definitely been watching the ALCS for sure. That's some good ball over there," he said.

St. Louis has won 10 Worlds Series titles, second most to the New York Yankees' 27. Manager Tony La Russa, Pujols and the Cardinals last took it in 2006. Texas is looking for its first Series championship, having lost to the San Francisco Giants in its first appearance last year. "We weren't very happy with the results, and

we certainly knew that we were a better team than we showed," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. It will be an old-school World Series: top names on both sides, many of them facing each other for the first time — the way it was before AL and NL clubs began playing each other all through the summer.

Stan Musial might even be at the ballpark next week. The 90-year Hall of Famer who helped the Cardinals win three World Series

crowns was at Busch Stadium during the playoffs for pregame ceremonies.

Musial and the Cardinals beat Ted Williams and the Red Sox in the 1946 Series. More than a quarter-century later, Williams became the first manager in Texas history after the franchise moved from Washington. This year, hardly anyone expected St. Louis to make it this far, especially when it was 10½ games out of a playoff spot on Aug. 25. A sensational run in the last

month, plus a tremendous collapse by Atlanta, gave the Cardinals the NL wild-card spot on the final day of the regular season.

The Cardinals did what many fans considered almost impossible in the first round — they eliminated the heavily favored Philadelphia Phillies. Carpenter outdueled Roy Halladay 1-0 in the decisive Game 5, then St. Louis relied on its bullpen every day to beat Milwaukee in the NL championship series. □

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**Personal Health:**

# Ailment can steal youth from the young

**JANE E. BRODY**

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Patrick Fox, now 14, considers himself lucky. It took only a year to find out why he was always tired, his heart raced and he ached all over, why he became overheated easily and had terrible headaches almost every day.

Once a happy, active child and good student who enjoyed school, by age 12 he could hardly get out of bed.

Various medical specialists – pediatrician, cardiologist, rheumatologist and geneticist – failed to find a physical cause for his symptoms. Some said he should see a psychiatrist because he was a malingerer, lazy, depressed, manipulative or overly anxious.

Instead, after his racing heart caused chest pains that felt like an impending heart attack, his mother whisked him off to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where in just two hours he learned he had a form of autonomic dysfunction known as POTS, short for postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome.

It has taken some youngsters with the syndrome as long as a decade to get a proper diagnosis, by which



**POTS, short for postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome, affects up to 1 percent of teenagers and causes symptoms including a racing heart, dizziness, extreme fatigue and headaches.**

(Yvetta Fedorova/The New York Times)

time their teen years are a washout.

Patrick, who lives in Columbia, S.C., said he was telling his story in hopes that it would help others with the syndrome, which affects up to 1 percent of teenagers, get to the bottom of their problem more quickly. Patrick's mother, Jacqueline Fox, said physicians needed to be better educated about the disorder so that it is promptly and accurately diagnosed and patients are treated before years of their youth go down the drain.

In young people, POTS is almost always eventually outgrown, but proper treatment can give them their lives back in the meantime. "I can go to school now, which I couldn't do for a couple of years, and I can play sports," Patrick said. Now a high school freshman, he's in honors classes.

**A DISABLING SYNDROME**

The autonomic nervous system regulates bodily functions that are not under conscious control, like heartbeat, blood pressure, body temperature, digestion and breathing.

Depending on which part of the system malfunctions,

the symptoms can be wide-ranging and confusing, as well as debilitating.

In POTS, the dysfunction involves the messages that nerves deliver to blood vessels, telling them when to expand and contract. When you stand up after lying down, blood vessels are supposed to contract so that more blood is pumped to your head. But in POTS, explained Dr. Philip Fischer, a pediatrician at the Mayo Clinic, "blood vessels are too dilated, and the blood puddles in the lower part of the body.

When you stand up, not enough blood gets to the brain," leaving one dizzy and lightheaded.

That causes the heart to race, a condition called tachycardia, as it tries to get more blood to the head.

"These people can't remain upright," said Dr. Julian M. Stewart, who studies the disorder at Westchester Medical Center and New York Medical College. "They can experience a 20 percent to 30 percent drop in cerebral blood flow when they try to stand up. This causes cognitive difficulties; they can't think well on their feet." □

## Doctors: Pap is the best test for cervical cancer

**MARILYNN MARCHIONE****AP Chief Medical Writer**

There's more news on cancer screening tests — this time for women. Scientists advising the government say a Pap test is a good way to screen young and middle-aged women for cervical cancer, and it's only needed once every three years. But they say there is not enough evidence yet to back testing for HPV, the virus that causes the disease. That's at odds with the American Cancer Society and other groups, which have long said that using both tests can be an option for women over 30.

Those groups and the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force separately plan to release proposed new guidelines for cervical cancer screening on Wednesday and invite public comment. The task force is the same group that recommended against routine PSA tests to screen for prostate cancer, saying they were doing more harm than good for men at average risk. Cervical cancer screening is a success story. In the United States, cases and death rates have been cut more than in half since the 1970s because of Pap smears — lab exams of cells scraped from the cervix, the gateway to the uterus. □



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# Cellphone cos. to warn as plans approach limit

By PETER SVENSSON

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Cellphone companies pledged Monday to warn subscribers before they go over their monthly limits for calling minutes, text messages and data use. The pledge comes in response to a threat of regulation by the Federal Communications Commission, which wants to curb nasty surprises in the monthly bills of wireless subscribers.

CTIA — The Wireless Association, a trade group representing the major cellphone companies, said they're also promising to warn subscribers that they're paying roaming fees if they travel abroad. The warnings will arrive as text messages, and subscribers won't need to sign up for them — they'll arrive automatically. CTIA said its member will have warnings in place on at least half their plans in a year and all of them in two years.

AT&T Inc. and Verizon Wireless, the two largest carriers, already provide text-message warnings on their

data plans, but not on text messaging or calls. Instead, subscribers have to look up their usage data.

The announcement was made jointly by the CTIA and the FCC, which credited Consumer's Union, the publisher of Consumer Report, for raising awareness of the issue. The magazine had found that many of its

owski made it clear that the agency would step in if companies fail to police themselves.

Kathleen Grillo, senior vice president for federal regulatory affairs at Verizon Communication Inc., said the voluntary approach was preferable because things change quickly in the wireless world and reg-

## Summary Box: Cellphone cos. to warn as limits near

By The Associated Press

**THE WARNINGS:** Cellphone companies will let subscribers know before they go over their monthly limits for calling minutes, text messages and data use. The warnings will arrive as text messages, and subscribers won't need to sign up for them — they'll arrive automatically.

**WHEN THIS WILL HAPPEN:** Officials say companies will have warnings in place on at least half their plans in a year and all of them in two years.

**WHAT PROMPTED THIS:** The alerts are voluntary for the phone companies, but the development comes in response to a threat of federal regulation.

subscribers had been startled by high monthly bills. The alerts are voluntary for the phone companies, but FCC Chairman Genach-

ulations don't always keep up. "The result is an industry code that will serve consumers better than rules that would soon be out-



In this Oct. 14, 2011 file photo, the Leon Guerrero family, on vacation from Dallas, show off their new Apple iPhone 4S phones they purchased at a Sprint store in San Francisco. Apple said Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, it sold more than 4 million units of the new iPhone model in three days. It's selling more than twice as fast as the previous model did when it launched last year.

Associated Press

dated," she said. Asked at the press conference why it would take two years to fully implement the warn-

ings, CTIA President Steve Largent said phone companies have to reconfigure their systems. □

## Making up: free apps for furious Blackberry users

By The Associated Press

Trying to make amends for massive outages last week, Research In Motion announced a free premium apps giveaway for millions of its customers who may still feel jolted, and a month of technical support for some. The Canadian company said Monday that the apps, worth more than \$100, will be made available over the coming weeks on BlackBerry(at) App World. They include iSpeech Translator and the games "Bejeweled" and "Texas Hold'em Poker 2." The offer runs until the end of the year. Research in Motion Ltd. also will offer its business customers a month of free technical support.



In this Dec. 12, 2010 file photo, a Research In Motion Blackberry is displayed at Best Buy in Mountain View, Calif.

Associated Press

Last week's blackout interrupted email and Internet services for tens of millions of users globally and left company leaders apologizing profusely. □

## Thailand flooding hits WD operations

IRVINE, Calif. (AP) — Computer hard drive maker Western Digital Corp. said Monday that flooding damage to its Thailand locations will have a significant impact on its operations and its ability to meet customer demand in the December quarter. The company said it has extended its suspension of operations in Thailand, as rising water flooded its manufacturing site in the Bang Pa-In Industrial Park and submerged some equipment.

It also said flooding is threatening operations in the Navanakorn Industrial Park. Both facilities are about 27 miles north of Bangkok. Western Digital, which is based in Irvine, Calif., makes hard drives, network drives and other storage products.

It said company locations in Malaysia, Singapore and the United States are fully operational. Thai officials have said hundreds of people have died and more than 260,000 have

lost jobs as 6,533 businesses nationwide had to close due to flooding last week.

Several major industrial parks have been inundated, which has disrupted supply chains, especially in the automotive and electronic industries. Last week, Seagate Technology PLC, which also makes hard drives, said its factories in Thailand were operational, but it may have difficulty making hard drives because of constraints in getting parts. □



# Stocks slide as Germany cools hope for debt deal

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AP Business Writers

**NEW YORK (AP)** — A week ago, markets were soaring on hopes that a fix for Europe's debt crisis was near. On Monday, stocks had their worst drop in two weeks after German leaders cast doubt on how fast that process would be.

Expectations that a resolution to the crisis could be reached at a European summit in Brussels Oct. 23 helped lift the S&P 500 index to its biggest gain in two years last week. Germany's finance chief Wolfgang Schaeuble said Monday that those expectations were too optimistic. It was the worst day for U.S. stock indexes since Oct. 3, when each hit a low for the year.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 247.49 points, or 2.1 percent, to close at 11,397. Alcoa Inc. led the Dow lower with a 6.6 percent decline.

"It's completely a reaction to Germany," said Jason Pride, the director of investment strategy at Glenmede, a wealth management firm in Philadelphia. "The reality is everybody is hanging on to what Europe's doing."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 23.72, or 1.9 percent, to 1,200.86. All 10 in-

dustrial groups in the S&P 500 were lower. Banks fell the most, 3.3 percent.

A batch of weak corporate earnings reports also pulled stocks lower. Gannett Co. Inc. plunged 8 percent, the most of any stock in the Standard & Poor's 500 index, after the newspaper

world rallied last week after the leaders of France and Germany pledged to come up with a far-reaching solution to the region's debt crisis by the end of October. That pledge appeared to be pushed back by German officials Monday. Schaeuble said he expects European



**A trader watches his screens under the curve of the German stock index DAX at the stock market in Frankfurt, Germany. Hopes that Europe is preparing a big plan to shore up its banks gave European stocks another lift Thursday, while U.S. markets were more cautious ahead of key jobs figures.**

(AP Photo/Michael Probst)

publisher reported a drop in advertising. Wells Fargo sank 8.4 percent after posting results that fell short of analysts' expectations.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 52.93, or 2 percent, to 2,614.92.

Stock markets around the

leaders to adopt a general framework to tackle the crisis on Sunday. Separately, a spokesman for German Chancellor Angela Merkel said discussions on how to solve Europe's debt problems will likely last into the new year. □

# Metals fall on worries of long European crisis

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Metal prices fell Monday on increasing doubts that European leaders will act soon to contain that region's financial crisis.

Copper for December delivery dropped 3.05 cents, or nearly 1 percent, to end at \$3.3780 a pound. January platinum fell \$3.10 to finish at \$1,551.80 an ounce. December palladium lost \$3.75, or 0.6 percent, to \$616.80 an ounce.

Metals including copper and palladium rose last week.

Investors were hoping that European finance ministers would strike a deal to slow the debt crisis there and prevent it from affecting the global economy.

That confidence was shaken Monday when a spokesman for German Chancellor Angela Merkel suggested a full rescue package could take months to craft.

Steffen Seibert said an upcoming weekend EU meeting will only be an "important step" on a long road to fixing the European financial crisis.

European leaders are working on a major rescue package for European banks and heavily indebted nations like Greece, Seibert said. But it's unrealistic to expect the problems will

be solved by one rescue package, no matter how large.

"These are important steps on a long path, and that is a path that will continue far into next year where other steps must follow," he said. The statement quickly halted last week's rally in metals prices.

Copper and palladium are used as raw materials in the world's factories.

The price of those metals tends to rise with economic growth, which stokes demand.

Precious metals also fell. Gold for December delivery dropped \$6.40 to close at \$1,676.60 an ounce. December silver lost 35.2 cents, or nearly 1 percent, to close at \$31.821.

In other trading, December wheat gained 1.5 cents, or less than 1 percent, to finish at \$6.2425 per bushel. December corn rose 0.5 cents to end at \$6.405 per bushel. November soybeans lost 17 cents, or 1.5 percent, to end at \$12.53 a bushel.

Oil prices fell.

Benchmark oil lost 42 cents, or less than 1 percent, to end at \$86.38 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Heating oil fell 4.22 cents to finish at \$3.0136 per gallon, gasoline futures lost 8.18 cents to close at \$2.7429 per gallon and natural gas fell 1.5 cents to \$3.688 per 1,000 cubic feet. □

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# Citigroup earnings rise 74%, to \$3.8 billion

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AP Business Writer

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Citigroup Inc.'s earnings rose 74 percent in the third quarter as more of its customers paid their bills on time, leading to lower losses from loans. An accounting gain also boosted income.

It was the seventh straight quarter of income growth for Citi, America's third-largest bank by assets. Citigroup was one of the biggest recipients of taxpayer support during the financial crisis. It received \$45 billion in bailouts funds and was partly owned by the government until December 2010.

The New York bank's net income rose 74 percent, to \$3.8 billion, due to lower losses from loans and an accounting gain related to the valuation of the bank's own debt. Citi's stock fell 1.7 percent to close at \$27.93, less than other banks stocks.

The profit report came as the Occupy Wall Street movement entered its second month and spread across the country, targeting large financial institutions like Citi. As of Monday



In this photo, people pass a Citibank office, in New York. Citigroup said Monday, Oct. 17, 2011, its earnings rose 74 percent in the third quarter, to \$3.8 billion, after the bank recorded lower losses from loans.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

the bank said it had not yet been approached by organizers of the protest following an offer last week from Citigroup's CEO, Vikram Pandit, to meet with them.

Occupy Wall Street rallies started last month in New York with protests against income inequality and demands for higher taxes on the wealthy. CEOs like Pandit are prime targets. On Saturday, two dozen people were arrested after they entered a Citibank branch in New York and refused to leave.

Banks like Citi have benefited as Americans have improved their financial health, saving more and paying off their credit card debt on time. Citi's losses from bad loans fell 41 percent during the quarter to \$4.5 billion as defaults fell on Citi-branded cards. That allowed Citi to add \$1.4 billion to its earnings from credit reserves it had set

aside earlier in anticipation of deeper losses.

However, the bank's ability to collect fees from raising interest rates on loans or from fees for late payments has decreased because of new regulations. That led to a 9 percent drop in revenue at its North American consumer business. Rival Wells Fargo & Co., which also released its results Monday, took a similar hit to its credit card fee income due to new banking rules.

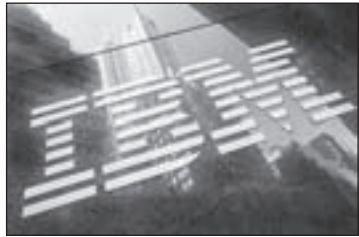
Citi said new regulation has also changed its plans for its private-label credit card unit, which issues cards in partnership with retail stores.

Citi had said it was planning to either sell or reduce the size of the unit. The bank reversed course after noticing that customers are using retailer-issued cards more. Pandit said in an internal memo to employees the business earned \$2.2 billion so far this year as delinquencies declined.

Citi's income also included a \$1.9 billion accounting gain. Citi had to take the accounting gain because the cost of its debt fell on the bond market. Since the bank could theoretically buy back that debt at a lower cost, accounting rules require that a gain be recorded. In the third quarter, corporate debt prices fell sharply due to the uncertainty in the financial markets. With the accounting gain, its revenue edged up 1 percent to \$20.86 billion. Excluding the gain, Citi's revenue fell 8 percent from the same period last year. Trading in stocks and bonds and Citi's investment banking division were hurt by turmoil in financial markets brought on by the debt crisis in Europe and a downgrade of the U.S. government's credit rating in August.

The volatility kept many investors away and led companies to put off stock and bond offerings. □

## IBM bumps guidance again, but revenue falls short



JORDAN ROBERTSON

AP Technology Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—IBM again demonstrated its skill at wringing profit from its software and services juggernauts.

The success of those divisions has made IBM Corp. one of the most-copied technology companies. It was a key reason that IBM beat analysts' net income forecasts for the third quarter and raised its earnings outlook for the full year. Neither was surprising for a company that rarely lets down its Wall Street constituents.

But some investors were left

with a more unflattering impression from a different and unexpected part of IBM's report Monday.

IBM's revenue narrowly missed the average forecast, reviving questions about the company's ability to bring in enough new business to fuel its expected growth.

Global companies such as IBM face dangers on multiple fronts as the American economy struggles, debt fears threaten Europe and even some hot emerging markets show signs of cooling off. Sales to corporations and government agencies are at the heart of IBM's business model. But some fear that they may spend less on IBM products and services if demand for their products stays depressed and government budget woes continue. □

## Treasury prices rise as riskier investments fall



U.S. Treasury prices rose Monday as Europe's failure to resolve its debt crisis increased demand for ultra-safe investments.

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—U.S. Treasury prices rose Monday as Europe's failure to resolve its debt crisis increased demand for ultra-safe investments.

Traders should not expect a plan before next week's summit of European Union leaders, German finance chief Wolfgang Schäuble said Monday. German Chancellor Angel Merkel's spokesman called hopes for a detailed plan "dreams" that "will again not be fulfilled."

Traders sold stocks and bought safer, lower-return

investments such as Treasuries. The price of the 10-year Treasury note rose 81 cents for every \$100 invested, pushing its yield down to 2.16 percent at 3:45 p.m. Eastern time, from 2.25 percent late Friday.

Treasury prices fell last week on hopes that France and Germany were close to solving the European debt crisis. Traders bid up higher-risk investments such as stocks. The Standard & Poor's 500 index had its best week in two years.

Treasury prices were still falling when trading began on

Monday. The 10-year yield reached 2.29 percent, the highest in two months.

After the comments from Germany were reported, traders reversed course, selling riskier investments and buying safer ones. European markets fell and U.S. stocks also moved sharply lower. U.S. indexes plunged 2 percent.

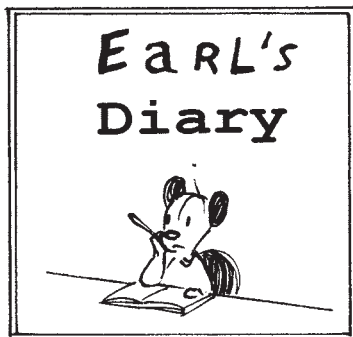
The price of the 30-year Treasury bond rose \$1.91 for every \$100 invested, pushing its yield down to 3.14 percent from 3.23 percent late Friday. The yield went as high as 3.29 percent earlier Monday.

Bond yields fall as demand for them increases. Yield is the return a trader receives from holding a bond. The yield falls when traders are willing to accept an even tinier return in exchange for an investment that is seen as safe.

The two-year Treasury note's yield fell to 0.25 percent from 0.27 percent late Friday. The yield on the three-month Treasury bill rose to 0.03 percent from 0.02 percent. □



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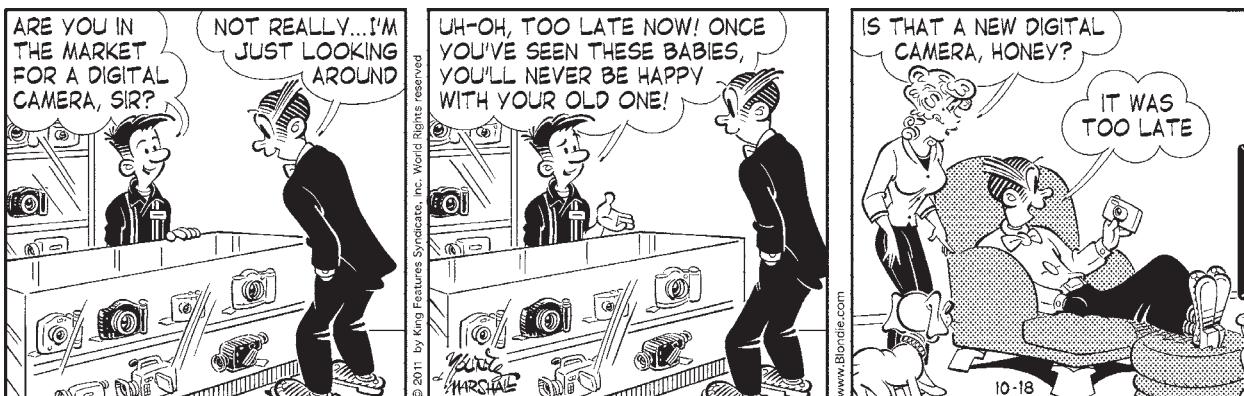
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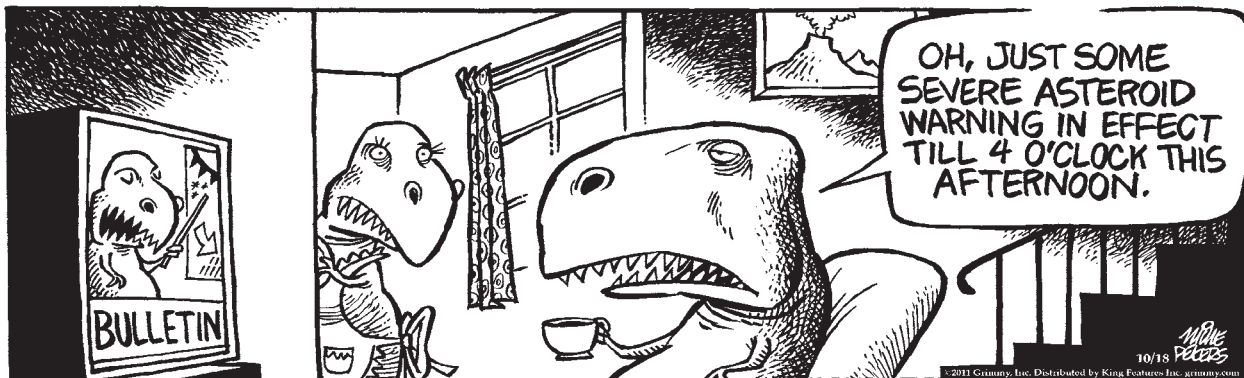
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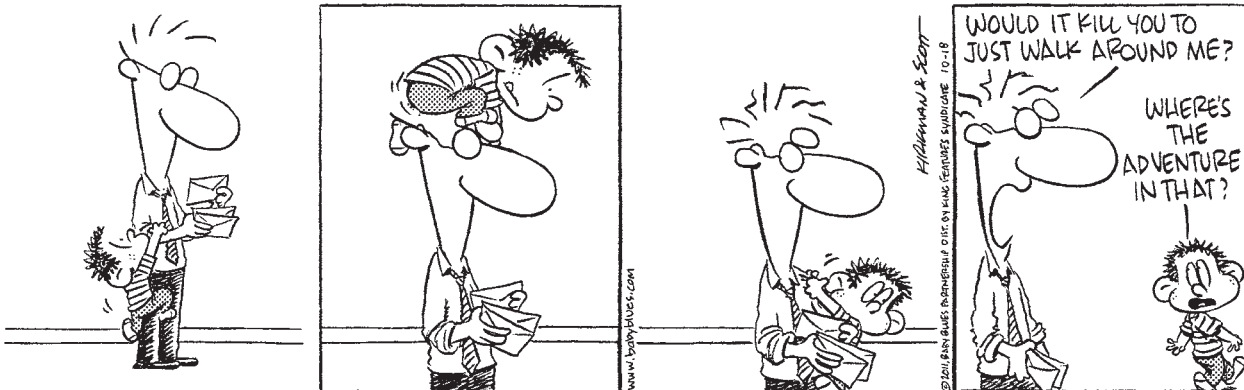
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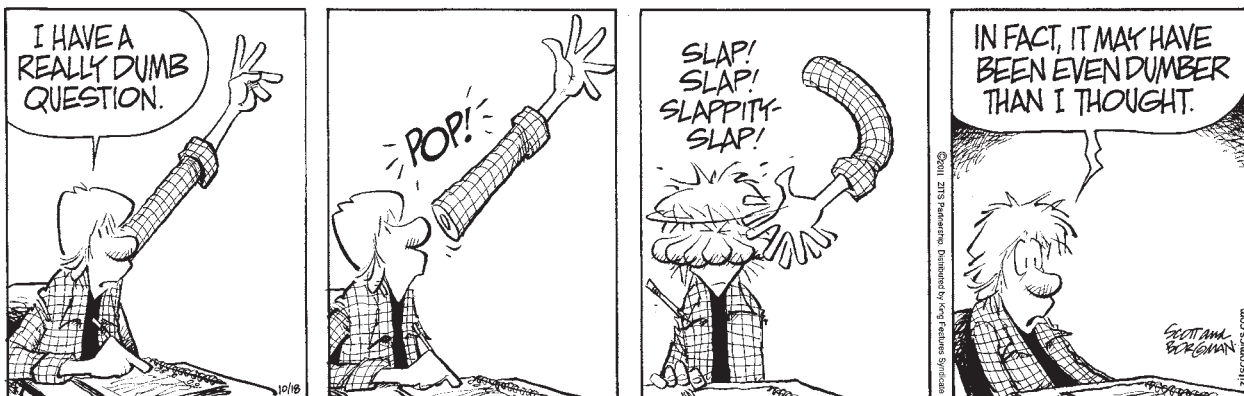
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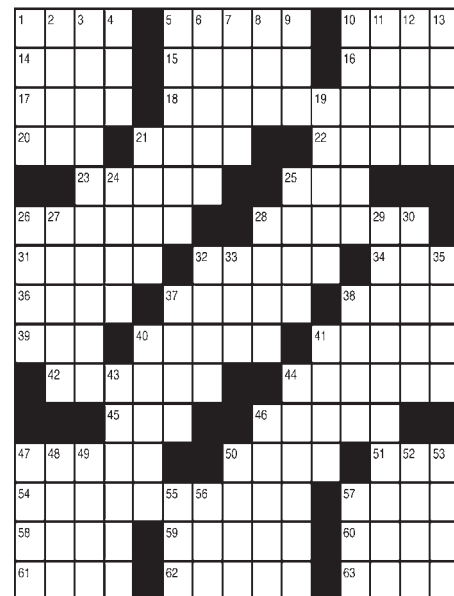
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25 Small bill  
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28 Common sense  
31 Let in  
32 Peru's neighbor  
34 Aegean or Mediterranean  
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56 "\_\_\_ to Billy Joe"  
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## Today In History

**Today is Tuesday, October 18, the 291st day of 2011. There are 74 days left in the year. Highlights in history on this date:**

1648 - Boston's shoemakers, barrelmakers and tubmakers set up the first American labor organization.

1672 - Poland surrenders the Ukraine to the Turks after an invasion.

1685 - King Louis XIV of France revokes the Edict of Nantes, which had established the legal toleration of France's Protestant population, the Huguenots.

1767 - The boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania, the Mason-Dixon line, which divides America's south from the north, is agreed upon.

1898 - The American flag is raised in Puerto Rico shortly before Spain formally relinquishes control of the island to the United States.

1964 - Pope Paul VI proclaims 22 new African saints. The saints, known as the Blessed Martyrs of Uganda, were a group of converts who were persecuted and martyred in 1885-87.

1968 - The U.S. Olympic Committee suspends two black athletes, Tommie Smith and John Carlos, for giving a black-power salute as a protest at a victory ceremony in Mexico City.

1969 - The federal government bans artificial sweeteners known as cyclamates because of evidence they caused cancer in laboratory rats.

1972 - A three-nation U.N. investigating committee made up of Yugoslavia, Somalia and Sri Lanka, accuses Israel of continued violations of Arab rights in the territories occupied since the 1967 war.

1981 - Andreas Papandreu's Panhellenic Socialist Movement wins 48 percent in national elections, becoming Greece's first leftist government.

1989 - Gunmen assassinate Colombian presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan, the frontrunner in polls, at a campaign rally outside Bogota. Four candidates are murdered in the months leading up to the 1990 election.

1991 - Ukraine, Georgia, Moldavia and Azerbaijan refuse to sign an economic union treaty with the Soviet constituent republics.

1993 - U.N. oil embargo takes effect against Haiti.

1994 - Boat people begin to return to Haiti after the reinstatement of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

1995 - The United States an-



**Today is Wynton Marsalis' birthday**

nounces it will grant Fidel Castro a visa, permitting the Cuban president to address the United Nations.

1998 - A pipeline explosion in Nigeria apparently sparked by thieves siphoning off oil leads to an inferno that kills at least 250 people and destroys villages.

1999 - Former South African President Nelson Mandela begins his first visit to Israel, a gesture of final reconciliation with a nation that had backed South Africa's apartheid regime.

2000 - Fighting between Nigeria's Hausa and Yoruba tribes leaves 100 dead in Lagos. Thousands of people are killed in ethnic and religious conflicts in Africa's most populous nation in 2000.

2001 - Four Osama bin Laden disciples convicted in the 1998 bombings of two

U.S. embassies in Africa are sentenced in New York City to life without parole.

2002 - The Vatican rejects parts of a plan adopted in June by the U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) to deal with the sexual abuse of minors by Roman Catholic clergy in the U.S.

2004 - India's most wanted bandit, Koose Muniswamy Veerappan, 60, a brutal smuggler who eluded police for three decades in dense jungles, is killed in a shootout with security forces.

2005 - U.S. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld accuses China of understating the growth of its military budget, saying the country is raising global suspicion about its military intentions by failing to acknowledge the true size of recent increases in its defense spending.

2006 - Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont of Thailand says he will try to peacefully resolve the Muslim insurgency in the kingdom's southern provinces — a reversal of the previous government's iron-fisted strategy.

2007 - Former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto returns to Karachi after eight years of exile. A suspected suicide bomber strikes near the truck carrying her, killing 108 people, but Bhutto escapes unhurt.

2008 - Canada declares

a chemical widely used in food packaging a toxic substance, and says it will now move to ban plastic baby bottles containing bisphenol A.

2009 - A suicide bomber kills five senior commanders of the powerful Revolutionary Guard and at least 37 others Sunday near the Pakistani border in the heartland of a potentially escalating Sunni insurgency.

2010 — The latest Facebook privacy fiasco shows that the world's largest online social hub is having a hard time putting this thorny issue behind it even as it continues to attract users and become indispensable to many of them.

### Today's Birthdays:

Henri Bergson, French philosopher and Nobel laureate (1856-1941); Pierre Elliott Trudeau, former Canadian Prime Minister (1919-2000); George C. Scott, U.S. actor (1927-1999); Lee Harvey Oswald, accused killer of U.S. President John F. Kennedy (1939-1963); Chuck Berry, U.S. singer (1926--); Martina Navratilova, Czech tennis player (1956--); Wynton Marsalis, jazz/classical trumpeter (1961--).

### Thought for Today:

Only those ideas that are least truly ours can be adequately expressed in words — Henri Bergson, French philosopher (1859-1941). □

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By **SUSAN MONTOYA BRYAN**

**UPHAM, N.M. (AP)**— With his usual flare, British billionaire-Richard Branson rappelled from a balcony, shook up a big bottle of champagne and took a swig while christening the world's first built-from-scratch commercial spaceport on Monday.

Branson was joined by Gov. Susana Martinez, astronaut Buzz Aldrin and scores of would-be space travelers at the terminal-hangar for the dedication. It had been nearly a year since Branson was in New Mexico to celebrate the completion of the runway. "The building is absolutely magnificent," he said. "It is literally out of this world, and that's what we were aiming at creating."

With the spaceport and



The spacecraft White Knight Two circles over Spaceport America Monday, Oct. 17, 2011 in Upham, N.M. British billionaire Richard Branson dedicated he newly completed terminal and hangar where his Virgin Galactic will stage its commercial space tourism venture on Monday.

mothership completed, the company is now finalizing its rocket tests.

"We're ticking the final boxes on the way to space," Branson said.

He hopes enough powered test flights of Virgin Galactic's sleek spacecraft can be done by the end of 2012 to start commercial suborbital flights from the spaceport soon after.

More than 450 people have purchased tickets to fly with Virgin Galactic. About 150 of them attend-

ed the ceremony.

Before getting to enter the hangar, the crowd was treated to a flyover by WhiteKnightTwo, the mothership that one day will help



**British billionaire Sir Richard Branson gestures to his mother, Eve Branson, along side the spacecraft White Knight Two outside the new Spaceport America hangar Monday, Oct. 17, 2011 in Upham, N.M.**

**Associated Press**

take space tourists on sub-orbital flights.

The \$209 million taxpayer-financed spaceport will be a launch station for people and payloads on the rocket ships being developed for Virgin Galactic. With custom metal paneling and massive panes of glass, the state-of-the-art terminal rises from the desert floor to face the nearly 2-mile concrete runway. The building will house Virgin Galactic's spacecraft, mission control and a preparation area for travelers. It was six years ago that Virgin Galactic and New Mexico officials reached an agreement to build the spaceport. Officials said the completion of the terminal and hangar marks another major milestone that brings the dream of rocketing tourists into space closer to reality.

Still, the question many are

asking is when the first ships will launch from Spaceport America. It was Branson who once predicted the maiden passenger flight would take off in 2007.

Branson acknowledged the wait in an interview Monday. He and his two children will be among the first to fly, and he said he wants to ensure he can bring them home safely.

"We want to be sure we've really tested the craft through and through before turning it over to the astronauts who bought tickets to go up," he said. "If it takes a bit longer, we'll take a little bit longer."

Commercial service will start up after the company gets a license from the Federal Aviation Administration. NASA has already signed a \$4.5 million contract with the company for up to three chartered research flights.

Tickets for rides aboard WhiteKnightTwo cost \$200,000. The 2 1/2-hour flights will include about five minutes of weightlessness and views of Earth that until now only astronauts have been able to experience.

Like development of the spacecraft, construction of the 110,152-square-foot terminal and hangar facility has been complicated. There were delays, building code problems, contractor disputes and costly change orders.

State officials blamed the unprecedented nature of the project as well as its remote location, the lack of infrastructure and the weather.

New Mexico Spaceport Authority executive director Christine Anderson arrived at the spaceport a day early to find WhiteKnightTwo and SpaceShipTwo stowed in the hangar. □

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# Michael Jackson latest to get the Cirque treatment

By MIKE HOUSEHOLDER

Associated Press

**DETROIT (AP)** — Michael Jackson long has been intertwined with the Beatles and Elvis Presley.

In addition to his standing as a fellow all-time, chart-topping music legend, the late King of Pop also owned a substantial share of the publishing rights to the Beatles' back catalog, and he married Presley's daughter, Lisa Marie.

Now, Jackson is being mentioned with the Fab Four and The King for yet another reason: his life and music are being celebrated as theirs were with a Cirque du Soleil show.

"Michael Jackson: The Immortal World Tour" made its U.S. debut Saturday night at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit, only a handful of miles away from the old Motown Records headquarters where Jackson got his start as a member of The Jackson 5.

And like "The Beatles Love" and "Viva Elvis" shows, the two-hour Jackson-themed performance is designed to give audience members the flair and showmanship of Cirque coupled with the flair and showmanship of a Michael Jackson concert.

"Michael was a performer that was not just music. He was dance. He was cinema. He had a humanitarian side," said Kevin Antunes, the "Immortal" show's musical designer. "So, you can take all of that and put it all into the show. That's where I think the difference is."

The eye-popping, high-wire acrobatics and elaborate costuming that are a hallmark of any Cirque show are of course present, but there are a multitude of Jackson-specific touches. Oversized versions of his signature accessories — glove and penny loafers — come to life during a rocking version of "Beat It," and airborne performers wearing



This photo provided Oct. 14, 2011, by Cirque du Soleil, shows the new Michael Jackson-themed Cirque du Soleil show that makes its U.S. debut Saturday, Oct. 15, in Detroit.

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LED suits light up the darkened arena to the strains of "Human Nature."

Jackson's best-known and loved dance moves are all there, too.

The Cirque performers do the patented "Smooth Criminal" lean-forward during a noir-ish, gangster-themed segment, and the first half of the show concludes with a rousing performance of "Thriller," which features the famous zombie boogie from the video in a Cirqued-up graveyard. And of course, the moonwalk is represented, not only on stage, but on the massive video screens behind it, where footage of the man himself is displayed throughout the show.

In Detroit, Jackson's likeness drew a hearty ovation the first time it appeared. One woman loudly squealed: "We love you, Michael!"

The show's writer/director, Jamie King, knows a thing or two about Jackson, having started his music career as a backup dancer on the 1990s "Dangerous" tour. King says he "really wanted to create something that Michael would be proud of." "It's not a biography-type show. It's really an artistic interpretation of Michael's life — Michael the man, Michael the artist," King said. "With Cirque on board, we already know it's going to be magical. With Michael's songs and what Michael stood for, it's already going to be huge." That's where Antunes comes in.

Antunes, a longtime musical director and digital au-

dio programmer who has worked in various capacities for artists ranging from Madonna and Justin Timberlake to Aerosmith and Jackson's sister, Janet, was given unique access to the pop legend's original multi-track master recordings and charged by King to create the musical backdrop for the show.

He spent a year re-designing and re-imagining dozens of Jackson's greatest original recordings. The result is Jackson's remixed vocals set to the music of a live band. Epic Records on Nov. 21 will release "Immortal," which comes as both a double CD version or as a single disc. The double-disc offering features 37 tracks in all, condensing more than 40 of Jackson's greatest original recordings into a compilation that allows listeners to experience his music in a new way.

The album's music consists of remixed/remastered studio recordings, not live, and contains newly discovered outtakes such as alternate take on the Jackson 5's "ABC" and a vocals from a choir that Jackson recorded for "They Don't Really Care About Us."

And just as the Beatles and Elvis shows found a home in Vegas, so will "Immortal," which is to stop for several weeks in December at the Mandalay Bay Arena as part of the tour schedule. □

## Definitive Spencer Tracy bio overflows with detail

By DOUGLASS K. DANIEL

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"Spencer Tracy: A Biography" (Knopf), by James Curtis: There's a great story about a great actor between the covers of "Spencer Tracy: A Biography," yet it's tougher to get to than it ought to be. An excellent researcher and writer, author James Curtis needed to be more ruthless when it came to deciding what to put in and what to leave out.

At 1,001 pages, the sheer heft of the book is bound to annoy fans of classic films and scare away casual readers. That's unfortunate because Curtis has written the definitive biography of Tracy, one of Hollywood's most respected actors and one of film's more enduring stars.

Unlike previous authors, Curtis had the cooperation of Tracy's daughter, Susie, and access to his letters, journals and other papers. Thus, Tracy's voice and



In this book cover image released by Knopf, "Spencer Tracy: A Biography," by James Curtis, is shown.

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perspective are strong as Curtis follows his path from Milwaukee miscreant and struggling actor to back-to-back Oscar winner for "Captains Courageous" (1937) and "Boys Town" (1938).

Another benefit is a fuller

and fairer look at Louise Tracy, usually marginalized as the long-suffering wife (they married in 1923) whom Tracy left for Katharine Hepburn. In Curtis' pages she is much more: a promising actress who gave up her career to be a supportive wife; a devoted mother of two children, one of them deaf and struck with polio; and a crusader for education of deaf children and their parents. Her marriage was troubled well before Hepburn became Tracy's longtime paramour while they filmed "Woman of the Year" (1942).

The well-known outlines of Tracy's personality deepen considerably with Curtis' work. Personal shyness and professional pessimism never left him, even after scores of films and the adulation of colleagues. His temperamental side — he could be petty, cranky and unreasonably demanding — cannot be separated from his alcoholism. □





In this Sept. 25, 2008 file photo, Elizabeth Taylor speaks during the 26th Annual Macy's Passport to Fashion gala in Santa Monica, Calif.

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## 400 at private Elizabeth Taylor memorial service

**BURBANK, Calif. (AP)**

— Colin Farrell, Michael Caine and Elton John joined family and friends of Elizabeth Taylor during a private memorial service for the Oscar-winning star.

Son Michael Wilding told the 400 people gathered Sunday in a theater at the Warner Bros. studio lot in Burbank that it was especially meaningful to have so many friends on hand to celebrate his mother's spirit. The Academy Award-

winning star of "Butterfield 8" and "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" was 79 when she died on March 23 of congestive heart failure in Los Angeles. Spokeswoman Sally Morrison says Farrell hosted a service, which featured memories of the violet-eyed beauty.

"Virginia Woolf" director Mike Nichols put together a touching video message, grandson Rhys Tivey played "Amazing Grace" on the trumpet and John performed "Blue Eyes." □

## Accused Berry stalker ordered to stand trial

**By ANTHONY McCARTNEY**

**AP Entertainment Writer**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A judge ruled Monday that a man charged with stalking Halle Berry should stand trial on two charges filed after he was repeatedly seen on the actress' property earlier this year. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Melissa Widdifield issued her ruling after hearing from two witnesses called during a preliminary hearing to show some of evidence against Richard A. Franco, who has pleaded not guilty to burglary and stalking charges. He was charged after police arrested him outside Berry's home in July after he was seen on the property three times in three days. Los Angeles police Detective John



In this May 25, 2011 file photo, actress Halle Berry attends The Fragrance Foundation's 2011 FiFi Awards at The Tent at Lincoln Center in New York.

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Gregozek testified that when Franco was caught, he was carrying a key to Berry's guesthouse, where the Oscar-winning actress has her beauty salon and some of her wardrobe. □

## Museum unconvinced by new Van Gogh death theory



This June 21, 2011 file photo released by the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, Netherlands, shows a self-portrait of Vincent van Gogh dated 1887.

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**By ARTHUR MAX**

**Associated Press**

**AMSTERDAM (AP)** —

Two American authors believe Vincent van Gogh was fatally shot by two teenagers and did not die from self-inflicted wounds, but the new theory won a skeptical reception Monday from experts at the museum dedicated to the 19th century Dutch master.

A book by Pulitzer prize-winning authors Steven Naifeh and Gregory White Smith, "Van Gogh, The Life," concludes that Van Gogh, who suffered chronic depression, claimed on his deathbed to have shot himself to protect the boys. "Covering up his own murder," said Naifeh in an interview broadcast Sunday on the U.S. network CBS's "60 Minutes."

Leo Jansen, curator of the Van Gogh Museum and editor of the artist's letters, said the biography is a "great book," but experts have doubts about the authors' theory of his death in 1890.

"We cannot yet agree with their conclusions because we do not think there is enough evidence yet," Jansen told The Associated Press.

At the same time, there has never been any independent evidence to support Van Gogh's dying confession that he had shot himself.

"There's no proof. We just know what he said, and that's what people always went by," Jansen said.

Severely wounded in the chest, Van Gogh dragged himself to the rooming house in Auvers-sur-Oise, France, where he was staying. He died about 30 hours later after telling his brother Theo, several doctors and the police that he had shot himself while painting in a wheat field. The gun was never found.

Naifeh and Smith revived unanswered questions that have clouded Van Gogh's own story: How did the painter, who had a widely known history of mental illness, obtain a revolver, and what happened to it? Why

would he shoot himself at such an odd angle and not put the muzzle next to his heart? How did he manage with his wound to make the difficult journey more than one mile (2 kilometers) through the fields back to town? And what happened to his painting gear?

The authors say an art historian who visited Auvers in the 1930s heard rumors from citizens who were alive in 1890 that Van Gogh had been shot accidentally by two boys.

They also discovered a "guilt-ridden" 1956 interview by a wealthy French businessman, Rene Secretan, who said he and his brother had known Van Gogh that summer and had tormented him mercilessly. Secretan, inspired by a Wild West show that was popular in France, borrowed a gun from the owner of the inn where Van Gogh was staying, but he claimed the artist stole it from him.

Secretan recalled in the interview that they taunted Van Gogh, a lonely man who craved company, by putting salt in his coffee and getting their girl friends to tease him with fake seductions. But the authors say Secretan was never asked if he had been involved in the shooting, and he died the following year. Naifeh said the evidence indicates that the shooting "involved these two boys. And that it was either an accident or a deliberate act. Was it playing cowboy in some way that went awry? Was it teasing with the gun with Vincent lunging out? It's hard to know what went on at that moment."

They theorize that Van Gogh was wounded in a farm yard closer to the inn, and that the boys fled with the gun and took the artist's materials when they fled. Van Gogh, suffering from bouts of temporal lobe epilepsy, "decided to basically protect them and accept this as the way to die." □



## Democracy's collateral damage



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The Coptic Orthodox Church in Egypt is one of the oldest Christian communities in the world, tracing its roots to St. Mark the apostle and the first century A.D. Coptic Christians have survived persecutions and conquests, the fall of Rome and the rise of Islam. They have been governed from Constantinople and Ctesiphon, Baghdad and London. They have outlasted the Byzantines, the Umayyads and the Ottomans, Napoleon Bonaparte and the British Empire. But they may not survive the Arab Spring. Apart from Hosni Mubarak and his intimates, no group has suffered more from Egypt's revolution than the country's 8 million Copts. Last week two dozen people were killed in clashes between the Coptic Christians and the Egyptian Army, a grim milestone in a year in which the Coptic community has faced escalating terrorist and mob violence. A recent Vatican estimate suggests that 100,000 Copts may have fled the country since Mubarak's fall. If Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood consolidates political power, that figure could grow exponentially. This is a familiar story in the Middle East, where any sort of popular sovereignty has tended to unleash the furies and drive minorities into exile. From Lebanon to North Africa, the Arab world's Christian enclaves have been shrinking steadily since decolonization. More than half of Iraq's 1.5 million Christians have fled the country since the U.S. invasion toppled Saddam Hussein.

More important, though, this is a familiar story for the modern world as a whole – a case of what National Review's John Derbyshire calls "modernity versus diversity." For all the bright talk about multicultural mosaics, the age of globalization has also been an age of unprecedented religious and racial sorting – sometimes by choice, more often at gunpoint. Indeed, the causes of democracy and international peace have often been intimately tied to ethnic cleansing: both have gained ground not in spite of mass migrations and mass murders, but because of them. This is a point worth keeping in mind when

reading the Big Idea book of the moment, Steven Pinker's "Better Angels of Our Nature: Why Violence Has Declined." Pinker marshals an impressive amount of data to demonstrate that human civilization has become steadily less violent, that the years since 1945 have been particularly pacific, and that contemporary Europe has achieved an unprecedented level of tranquility. What Pinker sometimes glosses over, though, is the price that's been paid for these advances. With the partial exception of immigrant societies like the U.S., mass democracy seems to depend on ethno-religious solidarity in a way that older forms of government did not. The most successful modern nation-states have often gained stability at the expense of diversity, driving out or even murdering their minorities on the road to peaceful coexistence with their neighbors. Europe's era of unexpected harmony, in particular, may have been made possible by the decades of expulsions and genocide that preceded it. As Jerry Z. Muller pointed out in a 2008 essay for Foreign Affairs, the horrors of the two world wars effectively rationalized the Continent's borders, replacing the old multi-ethnic empires with homogeneous nation-states, and eliminating – often all too literally – minority populations and polyglot regions. A decade of civil war and ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia completed the process. "Whereas in 1900 there were many states in Europe without a single overwhelmingly dominant nationality," Muller wrote, "by 2007 there were only two, and one of those, Belgium, was close to breaking up." Along the same lines, the developing world's worst outbreaks of ethno-religious violence – in post-Saddam Iraq, or the Indian subcontinent after the demise of the British Raj – are often associated with transitions from dictatorships or monarchies to some sort of popular rule. And from Kashmir to the West Bank, Kurdistan to Congo, the globe's enduring trouble spots are usually places where ethno-religious communities and political borders can't be made to line up. This suggests that if a European-style age of democratic peace awaits the Middle East and Africa, it lies on the far side of ethnic and religious re-sortings that may take generations to work out. Whether we root for this process to take its course depends on how we weigh the hope of a better future against the peoples who are likely to suffer, flee and disappear along the way. □



## A progressive in the age of austerity



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**CHICAGO** – I stopped by Chicago's City Hall last week to interview the mayor, Rahm Emanuel, the former White House chief of staff. I find "Rahmbo's" Chicago agenda intriguing because it's a microcosm of what the whole country will have to do for the next decade: find smart ways to invest in education and infrastructure to generate growth while cutting overall spending to balance the budget – all at the same time and with limited new taxes. It's a progressive agenda on a Tea Party allowance. Emanuel simply calls his philosophy "cut and invest." The cuts are coming from long-padded city departments and are going to pay for more cops on the beat, longer school days and modernized subway stations – all designed to create more incentives for companies to create jobs in Chicago. In laying out his new budget last week, Emanuel summed up what it means to be a progressive in this age of austerity.

"I want to be honest about this budget," the mayor declared. "Almost every one of these ideas has been discussed and debated before. But politics

has stood in the way of their adoption. Maybe in the past, we could afford the political path. But we have come to the point where we can't afford it any longer. The cost of putting political choices ahead of practical solutions has become too expensive. It is destroying Chicago's finances and threatening the city's future. In all of these reforms, we will be guided by principle, pragmatism and progress – not politics. What we simply cannot do is to temporize any longer. We can't kick the can down the road because we've run out of road."

Indeed, we have. Emanuel's pride and joy is the new mandate that he and his schools chief, Jean-Claude Brizard, pushed through for next year to have the school day for Chicago's 400,000 students extended by 90 minutes and the school year by about a week. The teachers' union leadership has accepted that this will happen but wants more say on how to use the time – and more money. Parents are thrilled, but it will clearly require more talks with the union.

"We want to be a city where businesses want to come and are created and where parents want to raise their children," says the mayor, sitting in his office. "You cannot get there on the shortest school day of any big city." In 2003, the mayor added, "Chicago teachers got a double-digit pay raise and a shortened school week. The result was that politicians did not get a teachers' strike and teachers did get better pay.

But can anyone tell me what the kids got? We are going to design a system where the kids get something." Emanuel has also created a privately funded bonus pool for principals whose schools make exceptional progress. It's all part of one fabric, says the mayor: The better the schools and the safer the streets, the more people will flock to the city and the more businesses will want to locate here and create new jobs. But there is a long way to go.

On a good day, such as last week, a firm like Accenture announces it is adding 500 jobs in Chicago. And, on a bad day, Emanuel notes, he finds himself "staring right into the whites of the eyes of the skills shortage."

His city has thousands of job openings going unfilled, he says: "I had two young CEO's in the health care software business in the other day, sitting at this table. I asked them: 'What can I do to help you?' They said, 'We have 50 job openings today, and we can't find people.'"

Doug Oberhelman, the CEO of Caterpillar, which is based in Illinois, was quoted in Crain's Chicago Business on Sept. 13 as saying: "We cannot find qualified hourly production people, and, for that matter, many technical, engineering service technicians, and even welders, and it is hurting our manufacturing base in the United States. The education system in the United States basically has failed them, and we have to retrain every person we hire."

This is why Emanuel is trying to cut and invest everywhere. □



# For protesters, countless grievances

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PHOENIX — Ken Alandt's guitar, which he covered with bumper stickers and waved in the air at the Occupy Phoenix protest Monday, is a symbol of the movement itself — a melange of disparate causes, all of which prompt his blood to boil.

Alandt, 53, an out-of-work stagehand and one of hundreds participating in Phoenix's version of Occupy Wall Street, is furious that people are dying in foreign wars. He is angry that medical marijuana was still considered illegal despite Arizona voters' approval of it. He is livid about his lot in life. "Bro, I have been lied to so many times that I don't know who to believe," Alandt said. "All the world's problems run downhill, and I'm at the bottom."

Protesters have taken to the streets and parks in cities across the United States, and in foreign capitals to boot, all under the banner of the Occupy movement. But not every group that has embraced the name, nor every individual who answers its call, necessarily marches in the same contentious lockstep.

While the protesters seem united in feeling that the system is stacked against them, with the rules written to benefit the rich and the connected, they are also just as often angry about issues closer to home, like education and the local environment. Each gathering bubbles up from its own particular city's stew of circumstances and grievanc-

es, and the protesters bring along their pantheons of saints and villains.

"Peace activists, indigenous rights activists, immigrant activists — they're all here," said Liz Hourican, 40, who belongs to the antiwar group Code Pink and was scrawling a message in pink chalk on a sidewalk in downtown Phoenix, calling on U.S. troops to come home. "It may sound different to you, but it's all the same. We're all stepping up and saying something's wrong."

There may be no common manifesto or list of goals — something that has drawn criticism from both inside and outside the movement — but there is one common thread: anger. Some have looked for jobs for months; others have lost their homes to foreclosure. Angry, they all are.

"What brings me out here? Outrage — outrage with what's going on in this country," said Lucy Horwitz, 79, who participated in Occupy Los Angeles. "Right now, the first issue on my mind is that corporations can buy congressmen."

In New York City on Monday afternoon, protesters were drawn by a vast array of concerns: stark income inequality in the city, their family's suffering from salary cuts, the embarrassment of resorting to food stamps despite working 40 hours a week.

Kay Merryweather, 34, an artist, volunteers at Trinity Church, giving out food. She said that during the financial crisis, when banks were receiving bailouts and financial executives were receiving multimillion-dollar bonuses, the church often ran out before the long lines of working poor were fed. "The bankers were get getting all of these millions," Merryweather said. "And we didn't have enough food."

But not far away, Benny Zable, 66, a longtime activist, was protesting while wearing a gas mask and a suit that read "Work Consume Be Silent Die." □



The tents of demonstrators at Woodruff Park during the Occupy Atlanta protest in Georgia, Oct. 17, 2011. Under the banner of the Occupy movement protesters have taken to the streets in cities across America, though most are angry for the same reasons, many of the groups and individuals are just as often angry about more local issues, like education and the environment.

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Demonstrators with the Occupy Wall Street protests at a CHASE branch in New York, Oct. 15, 2011. In dozens of cities around the world on Saturday, including Berlin, people took to the streets as part of a planned day of protests against the financial system.

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Demonstrators with the Occupy DC protests march through Washington, Oct. 15, 2011. In dozens of cities around the world on Saturday, including Berlin, people took to the streets as part of a planned day of protests against the financial system.

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